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## TRIPLE FLYING DISASTER.

### THREE "HERMES" AIRMEN KILLED IN CRASH.

### SHOCKING TERMINATION TO SERIES OF STUNTS.

### EXPLOSION WHILE IN AIR.

Flying Officer A. W. B. Hale, R.A.F., Lieut. J. H. P. Graham, R.N., and Telegraphist Jackson were killed this morning in a shocking air disaster, which occurred as the distressing termination of a series of exercises carried out by a number of aircraft attached to H.M.S. Hermes.

The plane was a big Fairey 3D three-seater seaplane and the nature of the accident, the cause of which is unknown, suggests that the unfortunate officers died almost instantaneously.

The tragedy, which occurred just after eleven o'clock, took place almost alongside the Hermes and in full view of the ship's personnel and many who had been watching the exercises from the Naval Yard and adjacent premises.

The seaplane, which had earlier in the morning, carried out an almost bewildering series of "stunt" evolutions, was vol planing towards the ship when it suddenly went out of control, toppled alarmingly on one side, exploded with a loud noise, and crashed into the harbour only a few yards off the side of the ship.

So far, the only body recovered is that of Flying Officer Hale, and it is thought probable that the funeral will take place to-morrow.

### CRASH UNDER STERN OF "HERMES."

Flying Officer A. W. B. Hale, in it is believed, a Fairey 3D three-seater plane, was one of a number aloft during the morning accompanied by two passengers and for some time previous to the crash had carried out many "stunt" manoeuvres, including looping and somersaulting. These had been accomplished without mishap and, strangely enough, disaster overtook him as he was about to alight on the water.

The machine was seen approaching the water, at a height of about 200 feet, and had just passed over and close to H.M.S. *Titania*, which is alongside the outer wall of the Naval Yard.

It was descending at a fairly acute angle—almost in vol-plane—and when observers were expecting it to soar slightly again for a steady landing it apparently went out of control, was seen to "wobble" violently, and partially topple to one side.

#### Loud Explosion.

A loud explosion occurred in the next instant and the machine burst into flames, giving out large volumes of smoke.

With a roar and at great speed, it crashed into the sea, striking the water so closely to the stern of H.M.S. *Hermes*, that it is thought that the forepart or a wing of the machine must have struck the side of the vessel.

It is difficult to gather precise information as to what next transpired, some observers saying that the plane instantly sank, and others stating that it remained partially afloat for a few seconds, burning furiously the while.

#### Terrific Crash.

In the words of one eye-witness:—"The machine had just finished looping the loop and was 'zooming' down to the sea, apparently about to alight, when it failed to rise, fell over a little on one side, and then exploded with a very loud noise. It looked as though it was going to carry on and strike the *Hermes* but it reached the sea-level just before it hit the water with great force. It was then burning furiously. Boats went to it immediately but it had sunk before they were able to do anything to help."

#### "Fancy Flying."

Another version of the seaplane's crash was given by Chinese boat people who were in a sampan near the *Hermes* at the time. They referred to the numerous seaplanes which were in the air during the morning and stressed the fact that many of them were doing "fancy flying."

### BRITISH PROPERTY SEIZED.

#### OUTRAGE BY HSUCHOW AUTHORITIES.

#### GOVERNMENT DECIDING WHAT ACTION TO TAKE.

#### HANKOW DEBENTURES

London, April 2. Serious anti-British action by the Chinese authorities at Hsuehchow, involving the seizure and sale of a British firm's property, was mentioned in the House of Commons at question-time to-day.

Sir Nicholas Gattan-Doyle asked the Foreign Secretary if he was aware that the Chinese authorities in Honan had taken from a warehouse leased by a British company at Hsuehchow, on the Peking-Hankow railway, a quantity of Chinese produce which had been purchased by the company and temporarily stored in the warehouse; and that the Chinese authorities had removed and sold the produce and forcibly prevented the inspection of the warehouse by the foreign employees of the Company.

#### Seized and Sold.

He asked whether the Foreign Office proposed to take steps to ascertain who took and sold the produce and to whom it was sold, and further to obtain satisfaction for the confiscation and sale of private property.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he was aware of the matters mentioned in the questions, and stated that he was consulting with His Majesty's Consul-General at Hankow as regards the steps to be taken in regard to the case.

(Hsuehchow is in Nationalist territory, and is being used as the base headquarters in connexion with the Northern campaign.)

#### Home Taxpayer Suffers.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was also referred, in the Commons, to the arrears in the Hankow Municipal Debentures, one of the sorest points on the question of the return of the Concession.

The Foreign Secretary pointed out that provision would be made in the 1928 Budget for this year's interest, and said that the Councils had expressed the opinion that last year's interest should be made good by the Nationalist authorities.

Mr. H. W. Locker declared that numerous tugs and launches went to the spot, apparently with the object of rescuing the flying officers. The boats were unable to approach owing to the flaming mass. Their story continues that as efforts to locate the men in the plane from the sea failed a rope was lowered by men on the stern of the *Hermes*. They further say that the rope hauled up a man presumably dead, who was "very blackened."

According to the boat people the plane burst into flames just before, or as it touched the water.

A dense mass of smoke shot up and soon there were big flashes of flame just against the stern of the *Hermes* where the plane fell.

#### Blazing Plane.

The boatpeople are unable to say whether the plane or any parts of it sank immediately but they say that numerous tugs and launches went to the spot, apparently with the object of rescuing the flying officers. The boats were unable to approach owing to the flaming mass. Their story continues that as efforts to locate the men in the plane from the sea failed a rope was lowered by men on the stern of the *Hermes*. They further say that the rope hauled up a man presumably dead, who was "very blackened."

They apparently saw nothing more, apart from the efforts made to locate any parts of the plane which were below water.

#### Previous Tragedy.

The flying tragedy is the second occurring in Hongkong, to a plane from H.M.S. *Hermes* the first occurring on July 13th last year when Flying Officer L. W. H. Phillips was killed in a crash near Cheung Chau.

He was flying a light reconnaissance machine of the Flycatcher type and had been "stunting" over Cheung Chau, when his plane slipped into a nose-dive and crashed into the sea. A muffled explosion was heard as the plane struck the water, but nothing was ever found of the machine or the deceased officer, except the float.

These were picked up by Messrs. Lowe and Wilson, eye-witnesses of the disaster, who made for the scene immediately in a sampan and the hope of being able to rescue the officer.

The search was abandoned on the following day, and impressive funeral rites conducted over the scene.

The aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. *Hermes*, returned to Hongkong only a fortnight ago, after refitting and recommissioning at Chatham. Wing-Commander H. J. F. Hunter, M.C., from the R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, after which the Association appointed a committee to confer further with the Dutch committee.—Reuter.

BRITISH AND DUTCH GROWERS CONFER.

London, April 2. The Rubber Growers' Association met the Committee of the Dutch Rubber Producers, after which the Association appointed a committee to confer further with the Dutch committee.—Reuter.

### QUEEN'S NEPHEW IN CAR SMASH.

#### SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON PARIS LYONS ROAD.

#### COMPANION KILLED.

Paris, April 2. Viscount Trematon, the eldest son of the Earl of Athlone, and a nephew of Queen Mary, was involved in a serious motor accident on the Paris-Lyons road near Belleville-sur-Saône to-day.

The car shot off the road and crashed into a tree. Mr. Kenneth Madocks, one of his friends was killed, and all the other occupants were badly injured.

Viscount Trematon is now in hospital at Belleville-sur-Saône and it is believed he is severely injured. The Viscount is not yet 21 years of age and was making a motor-tour of France.

The British Embassy has announced that Viscount Trematon's condition is satisfactory.

#### NANKING AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY.

#### U. S. Now Talking of Treaty Revision.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Washington, Apr. 2. Coincident with the State Department's announcement of the settlement of the Nanking incident as satisfactory to the United States, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg has issued a statement renewing the pledge made on January 1st, 1927, that the United States is willing to open negotiations for new treaties to replace the so-called "unequal treaties," whenever, a delegation fairly representative of all China requested such an action.—*Reuter's American Service*.

#### LEAVES FOR HOME VIA RUSSIA ON THURSDAY.

#### COMMISSIONS TO CONSIDER POINTS OF DISPUTE.

Berlin, Apr. 2. The Polish-Lithuanian Conference at Königsberg has concluded an agreement to appoint Commissions, in the first place, to deal with trade and communications to sit at Kovno, secondly, to deal with the security question to sit at Warsaw with the aim of concluding a non-aggression pact, and thirdly, to deal with the frontier traffic problem, to sit at Berlin.—*Reuter*.

#### AMERICAN FINANCIAL COMBINE.

#### TAKES OVER NEW DANISH LOAN.

Copenhagen, Apr. 2. A new Danish Government loan of \$55,000,000 at 4½ per cent, has been taken over at the price of 39.037 by an American syndicate, consisting of the Guaranty Trust Company, the International Acceptance Bank, Messrs. Dillon Read and Company, and the Union Trust Company.—*Reuter*.

#### PREMIER'S PLANS FOR WHITSUN.

#### TO VISIT BATTLEFIELDS IN FLANDERS.

London, April 2. The Premier has expressed his intention of visiting the battlefields on the Western Front during the Whitsun holiday. Accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin, he hopes to leave London for France on Tuesday, May 29.—*British Wireless*.

### SALT AND OPIUM SMUGGLING.

#### THE WEST RIVER EVIL.

#### SHIP OWNERS DENY BLAME IS THEIRS.

#### HONGKONG PETITION.

Contending that because the Hongkong Government is unacquainted with the full circumstances, West River shipowners in Hongkong have been wrongfully held to blame for smuggling salt and opium, shipping companies engaged in the trade between this Colony and Wuchow are presenting a Petition to the Governor-in-Council on the subject.

They contend that notwithstanding all they can do and have done, it is impossible for them to find effective means to prevent smuggling, and that the measures at present adopted by the authorities are inadequate. Accordingly, they make a number of suggestions to the Government in order that the evil may be minimised.

The Petition, a copy of which has been forwarded us by the West River Shipowners' Association, is signed by nearly all the owners of West River steamers—namely, the Sai Hing S.S. Co., the Kwong Hing Co., Ltd., the Kwong Wo Co., Ltd., the Kwong On Co., Ltd., the Ham Hing S.S. Co., Ltd., the Tai Hong Co., Ltd., the Wu On Co., and Mr. Hung Hing-fat. It has been prepared by Messrs. Deacons, the well-known legal firm.

Six Proposals.

The petitioners' suggestions to the Hongkong Government are as follows:

To introduce new legislation prohibiting salt to be exported from Hongkong to the West River Ports.

To place Revenue Officers on board the West River steamers permanently to supervise search for contraband.

To employ experienced detectives to travel on the West River steamers to find out who are the real smugglers and their ways and means of smuggling.

To make it a part of the Indian guards' duties to search for salt and opium on the West River steamers.

To transfer the guards from one steamer to another steamer every three months so as to frustrate any arrangement or understanding the guards may have made with the smugglers.

To ask the Chinese Maritime Customs to exercise greater vigilance and rigour along the West River ports in searching for opium destined for entry into Hongkong.

#### Salt Smuggling.

The Petition points out that the contraband now usually smuggled into the interior is salt and that usually smuggled by the river boats into Hongkong is opium. Occasionally arms are smuggled out of Hongkong, but the cases are rare owing probably to the fact that arms are difficult to procure and they are not easily disposed of as the other two commodities.

With regard to salt, the petitioners point out that the law in this Colony does not prohibit its exportation. Neither the Police nor the Revenue Officers will prevent its being carried on board the ships. It is, however, considered contraband by the Authorities, and the entire onus falls upon those who own or control ships running to a Chinese port to see that no salt is stowed on board their ships.

The petitioners state that have been exceedingly vigilant in this respect, for not only have they given strict instructions to the ship's officers and crew and also the Indian guards to prevent salt being brought on board, they themselves and their managers frequently make tours round the ships before they sail for the purpose of detecting contraband.

Neither the Chinese crew nor the Indian guards, however, can be relied upon for the prevention of salt smuggling. The Chinese crew are either in league with the smugglers or they are the smugglers themselves and the Indian guards are generally known to be paid for conniving at (Continued on Page 8).

Smoothing Things Over.

Commdr. Daniel also smoothed down the ruffled feelings of the bandmaster and reported what he had done to Rear-Admiral Collard.

Bandmaster Barnesale confirmed

Commander Daniel's account of his interview with Rear-Admiral Collard.

Two bandmasters, the Major of Marines, and six other

Admiral Collard were afterwards very cordial.

### ROYAL OAK COURT MARTIAL.

#### "DELIBERATE INSULT" BY ADMIRAL COLLARD.

#### CAPTAIN DEWAR'S WARM SUPPORT OF ACCUSED OFFICER.

#### "INTENSE INDIGNATION."

Strong comment was made by Captain Dewar when the court-martial on Commander Daniel was resumed at Gibraltar yesterday.

After stating that when he became Executive Officer he found H.M.S. Royal Oak "a sort of dead ship," he paid a warm tribute to Commander Daniel, intimating that he had made a world of difference, improving the morale of both men and officers.

Commander Daniel referred to Admiral Collard's action on his return to H.M.S. Royal Oak, after the barge incident as a "deliberate insult." Admiral Collard ignored the officers drawn up to receive him and did not return Captain Dewar's salute.

This was seen by the ratings, and he submitted a report since he believed that unless there was a total stoppage of such incidents, the morale of the ship would be affected.

Lieut. Commander Murray said that the incident at the dance caused intense indignation among the officers.

#### MARINE MAJOR'S STRONG RESENTMENT

Gibraltar, Apr. 2. Referring to the disembarkation Some dramatic moments ensued incident on March 5th. Commdr. at the end of the examination of Daniel said that when Captain Commander Daniel, arising over Dewar told him the Admiral re-asked the question of reading out the required written report about the letter which Daniel had written to position of the accommodation ladder of the ship's company of H.M.S. der, he consulted the

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**THE HON. MR BERNARD****GOVERNMENT APPRECIATION**

The following copies of correspondence are forwarded by the Colonial Secretary:

On March 29 Mr. Bernard wrote to the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Colonial Secretary:

Sir—I am due to leave Hongkong on April 3, and shall not be returning. It is therefore with very much regret that I have to tender my resignation from the Executive and Legislative Councils with effect from that date.

I have greatly appreciated the honour conferred upon me by His Excellency the Governor in appointing me a Member of the Councils, and have always endeavoured to carry out my duties to the best of my ability.

I sincerely hope that it will not be long now before the troubles and difficulties experienced in the last few years come to an end, and the Colony again returns to a state of prosperity and progress from which it has had a temporary setback.

Will you please convey to His Excellency my thanks and appreciation for the courtesy and consideration with which he has always listened to any comments I have made in regard to matters before the Councils.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows, yesterday:

Sir—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th March, 1928, tendering your resignation from the Executive and Legislative Councils on your departure from the Colony.

His Excellency desires me to express to you his high appreciation of the valuable services which you have rendered to the Colony in the many forms of public activity with which you identified yourself, and in particular for your work as a Member of the Councils.

The troublous times experienced by the Colony of recent years have called for cool judgment and balanced leadership, and your efforts both as a Member of the Councils and as a leading member of the commercial community have largely contributed to the restoration of confidence, which now justifies your hope that a return to prosperity and progress will not be long delayed.

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**OBITUARY.****DEATH OF PROMINENT CHINESE SPORTSMAN.**

Much regret will be felt in sporting circles in the Colony at the death yesterday afternoon of Mr. Yew Man-tsun, the well known Chinese lawn tennis player and cricketer.

The late Mr. Yew Man-tsun had been in ill-health for many months, suffering from tuberculosis. He passed away at 3.30 yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Yew Man-tsun was a very keen sportsman, taking a great interest in cricket and in lawn tennis. He was prominently identified with the activities of the Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay, and was one of its most valued members. Five or six years ago he played regularly for the Club's cricket team and headed both the batting and bowling averages. In the last few years, however, he has confined himself principally to tennis, at which he was one of the Club's foremost players, regularly appearing for the "A" team in the League and also competing in both the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony.

Mr. Yew was a member of a well known Hongkong family, to whom much sympathy will be extended in their bereavement.

Noted Danish Woman Dead.

Copenhagen, Mar. 26.

The only woman who ever held a Cabinet post in the Danish Government died here to-day.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.****"CHINA" EXHIBITION.**

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—We shall be grateful for the hospitality of your columns in publicly acknowledging the services of the undermentioned in connexion with the "China" Exhibition. The services in question were freely and willingly given (in some cases volunteered) and we are very sensible of our indebtedness to the firms and individuals referred to for their kind co-operation. On behalf of the Committee—Yours, etc.

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The Hon. Captain Superintendent for the efficient services of the Police, including the Chinese Company of the Police Reserve, and of the Fire Brigade.

The Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland, for use of Band.

The Advertising and Publicity Bureau for valuable services in connexion with the programme.

All firms who advertised in the programme.

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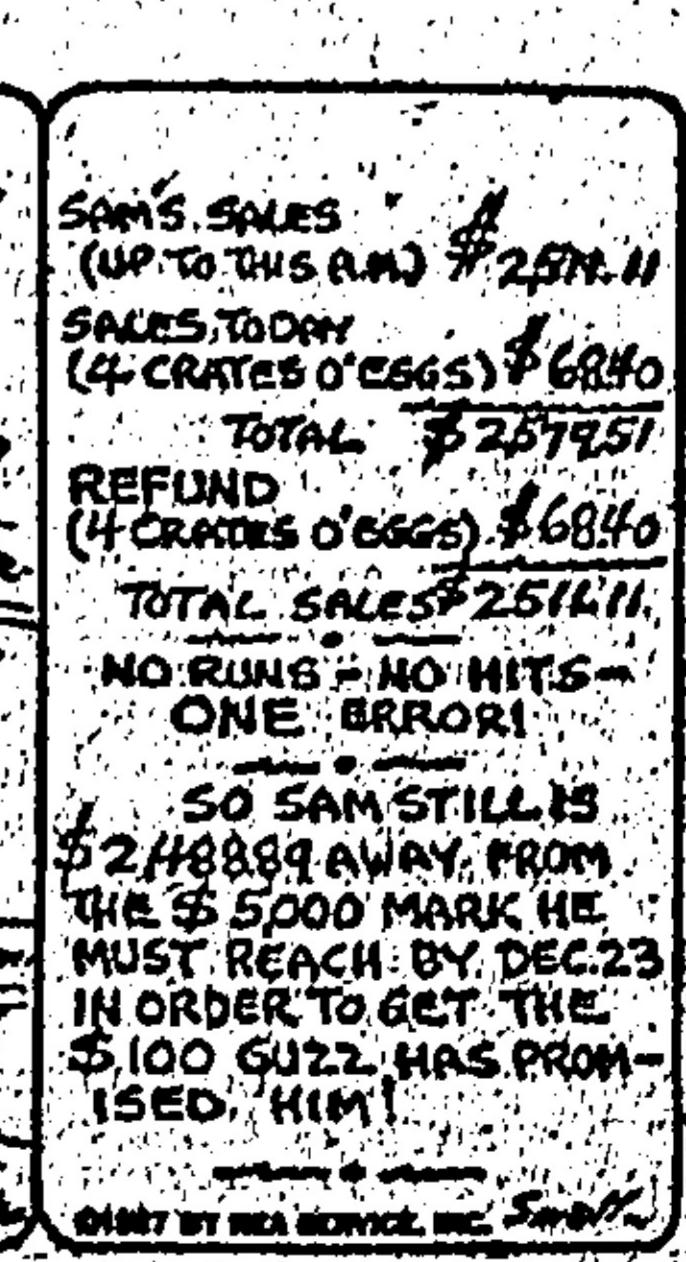
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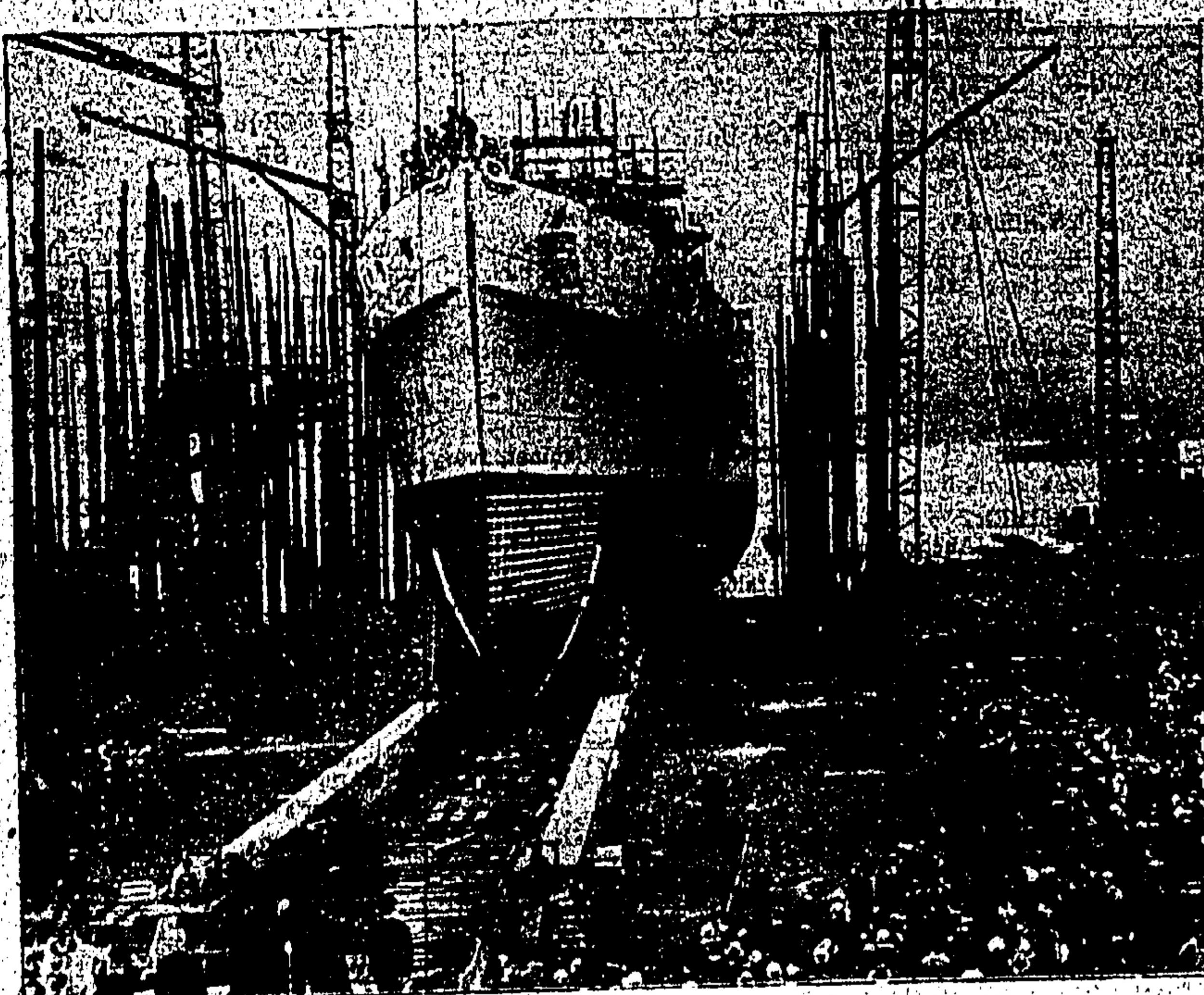
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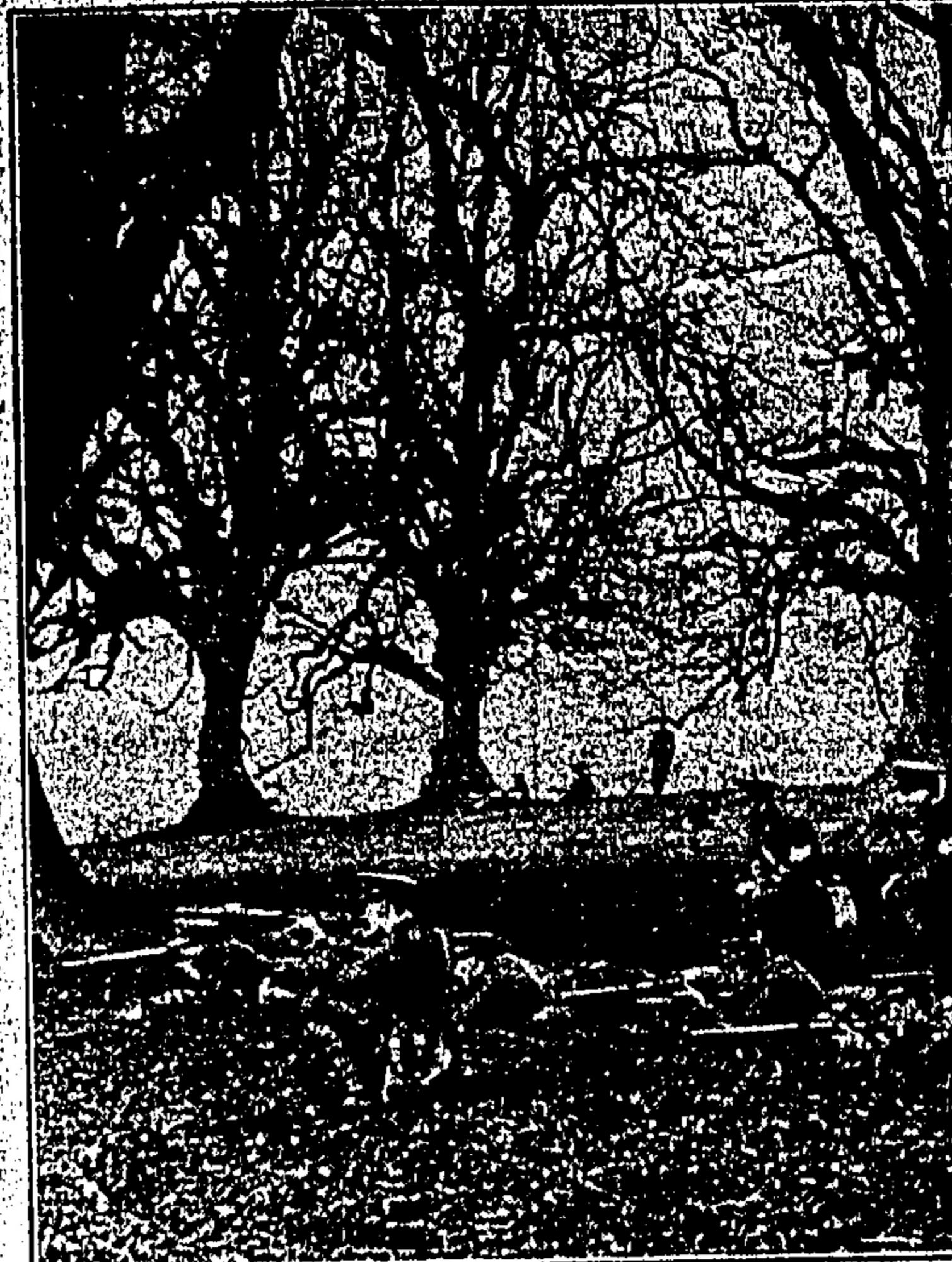
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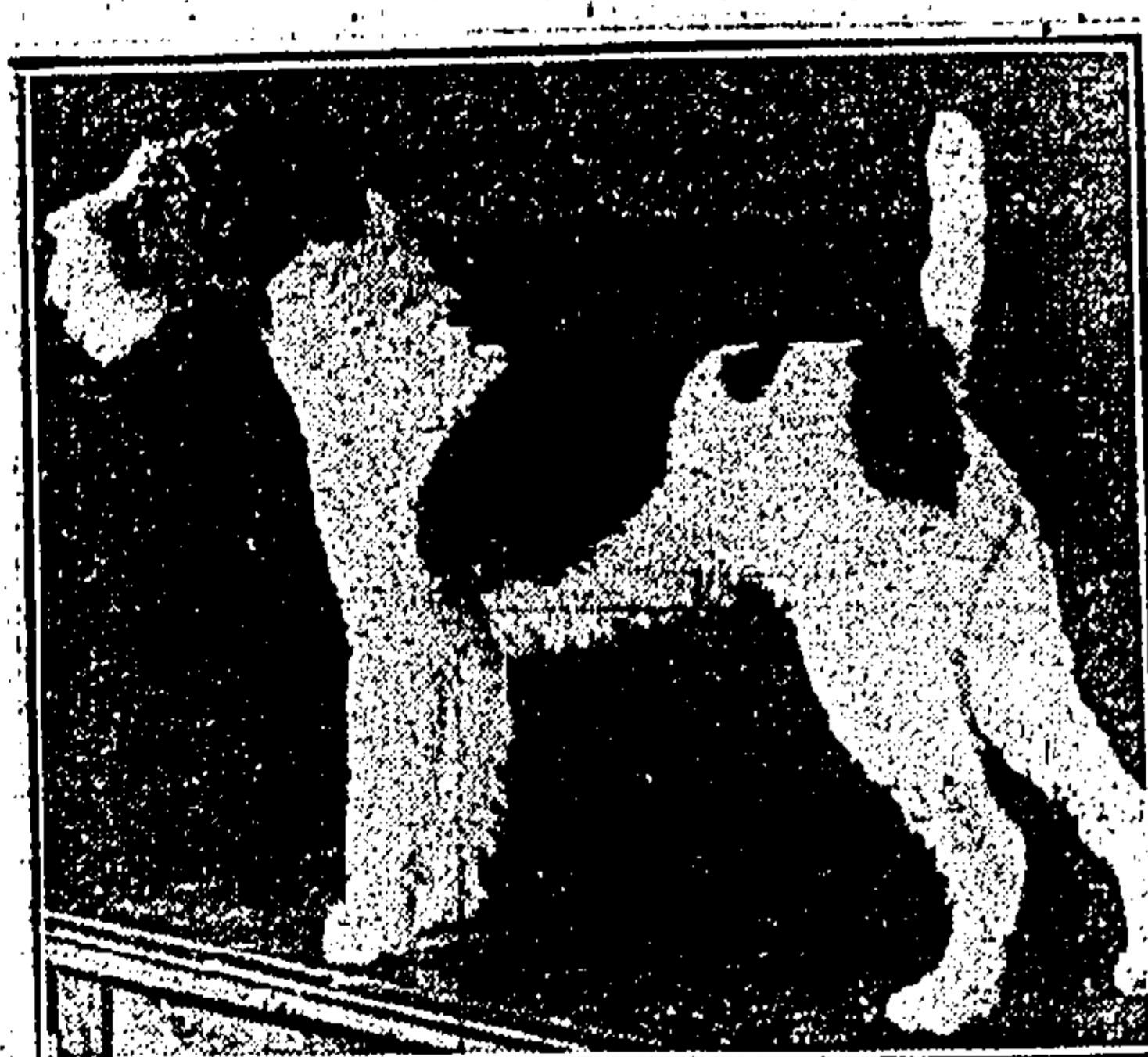
The Eton and Harrow contingents of the Officers' Training Corps were engaged in field operations in Windsor Park recently. Our picture shows an Eton Lewis-gun section posed among trees. (Times copyright).



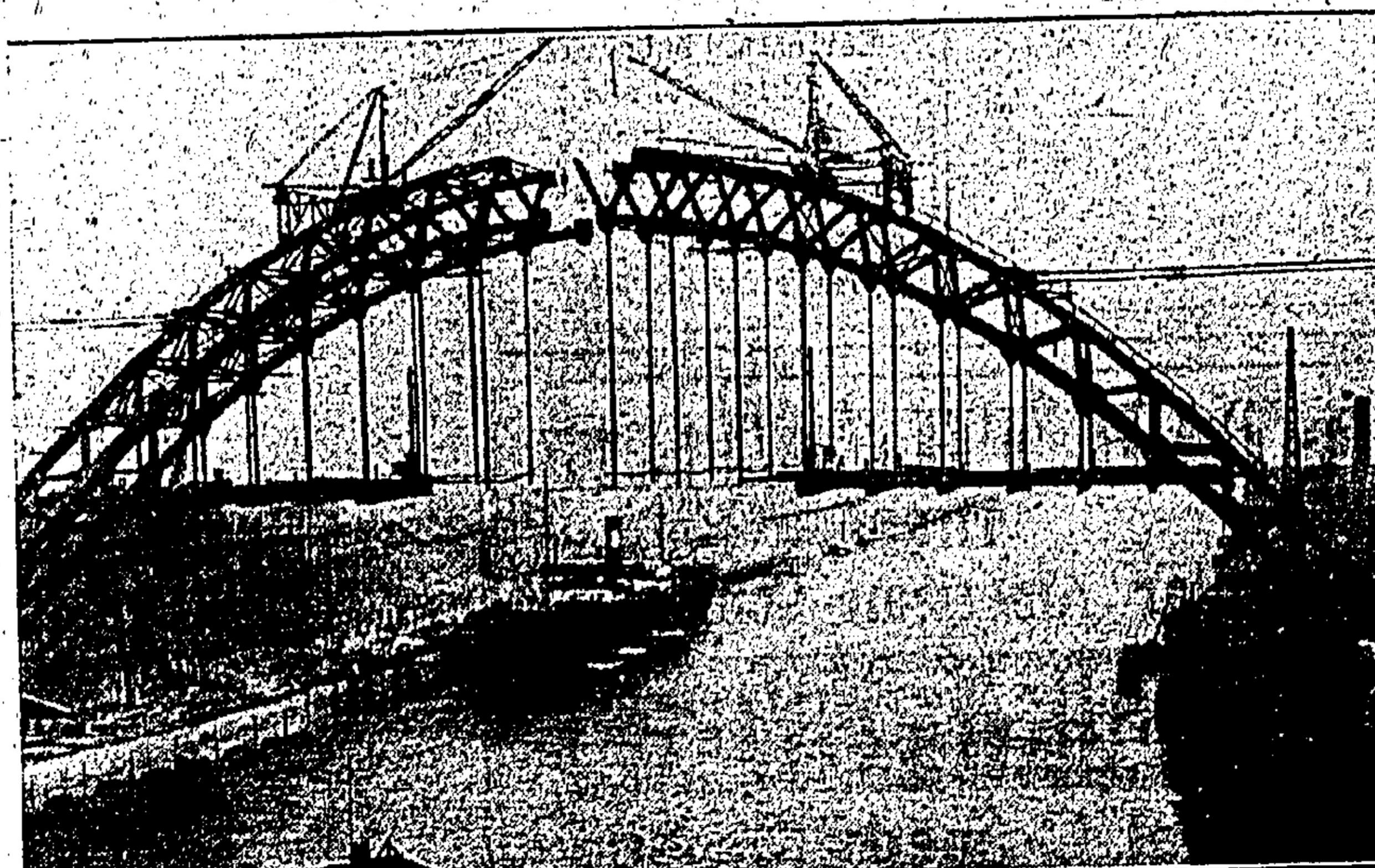
The hamadryas baboon which was recently born at the Monkey Hill of the London Zoological Gardens, is now learning to walk under the guidance of his parents. Our photograph shows the baboon clinging to the rock as he takes his first walk, with the father and mother watching him. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows the Duchess of York, with Lady Crossfield (right), during her visit to the Northallerton Infant Welfare Centre and Wards. The centre was founded in 1913. (Times copyright).



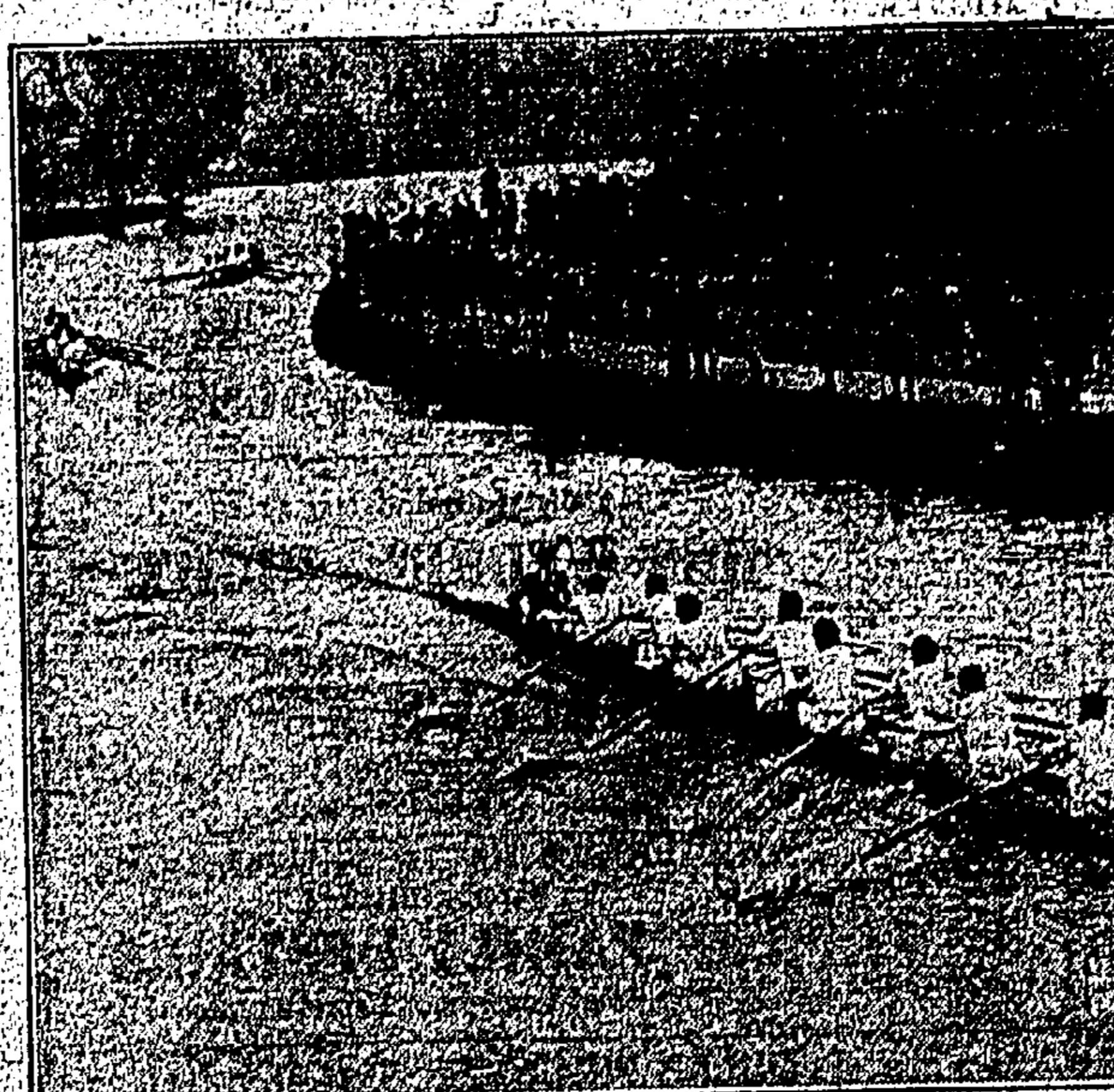
Tolavera Margaret leads a dog's life, but she offers no complaint. There are reasons. For instance, after winning first prize in the wire-haired fox-terrier group over 160 rivals, she was proclaimed the best dog of all in the Westminster Kennel Club's annual show at Madison Square Garden, New York. Reginald M. Lewis of Fairfield Conn., owns Margaret.



The new high-level bridge at Newcastle at its present stage of construction, showing the two halves of the single steel span almost joined. A special feature of the bridge is its 575 feet span. (Times copyright).



The National Trial Steeplechase which was held at Gatwick was again won by Lady Helen McCalman's Amberwave. The Field taking one of the fences on the first time round. The horses nearest the camera are Redlynch, Lord; Jack Horner, and Amberwave (left). (Times copyright).



The annual bumping races, known as the Torpids, were begun at Oxford on February 23. Our picture shows The Third Division race in progress with Queen's leading St. Catherine's and University 11. (Times copyright).



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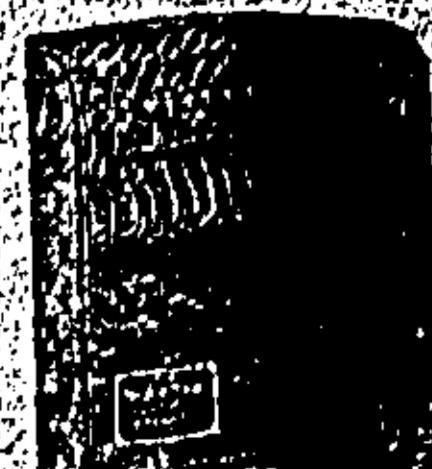
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For the HONGKONG REALTY & TRUST CO., LTD.

**J. H. TAGGART,**  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1928.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. She-wan, Toomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**S. COURTNEY COOK,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1928.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday 7th April, and on Monday, 9th April, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis, at \$1 each per day, up to Friday, 6th April, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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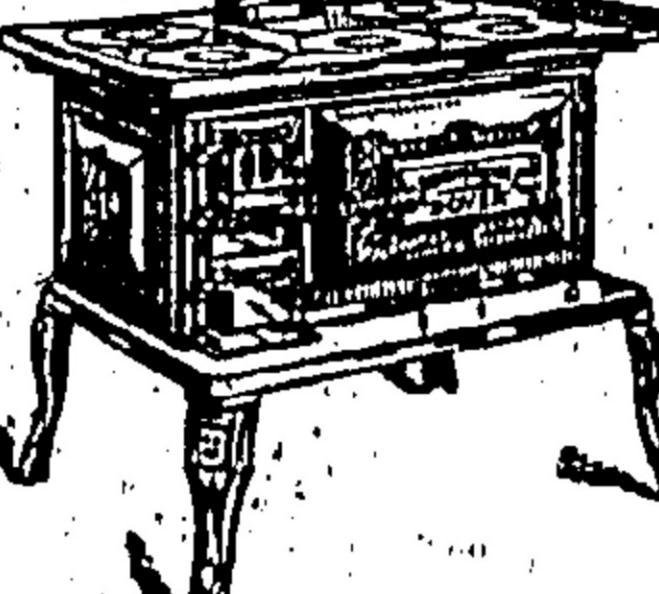
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A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

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## FATAL AVIATION CRASH.

### STRUCK BY FLOCK OF SEAGULLS.

San Francisco, Mar. 26.

Second Lieutenant Theodore J.

Munchhof, Army pilot, was killed

and Master Sergeant William J.

Klutz was seriously injured today,

when their aeroplane plunged into

the bay near the Golden Gate.

Witnesses said they believed that

the plane struck a flock of sea-gulls. The craft fell from an altitude of 600 feet.

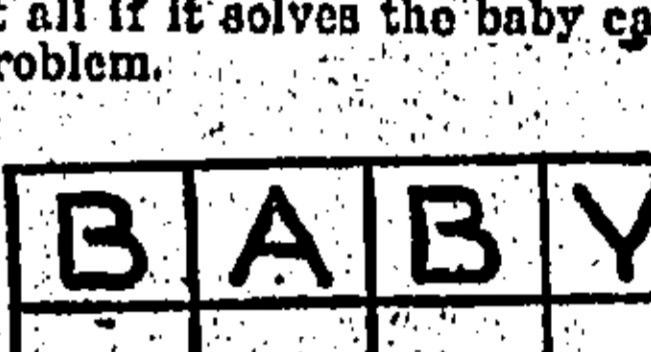
The fliers were stationed at Crissy Field. Lieut. Munchhof was 32,

married and had two children.

Sgt. Klutz is single.

## LETTER GOLF.

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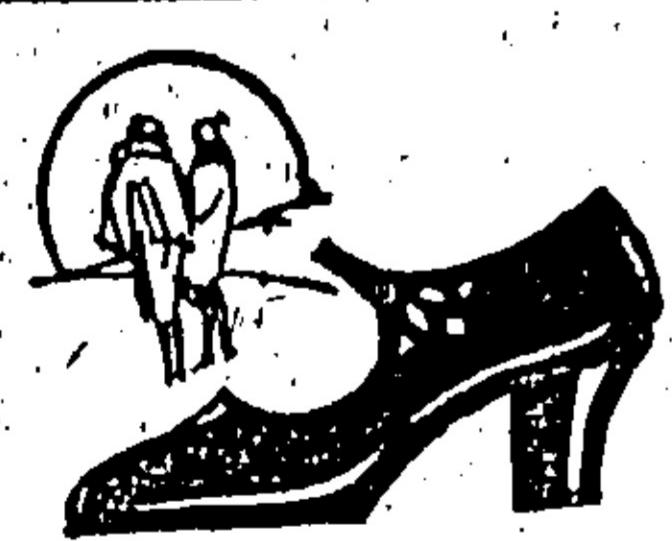
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## All-alike Dress.

## COMMUNITY LIFE PASSION.

Miss L. M. Faithfull, J.P., the former principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College, spoke at the Educational Association's Conference in London University recently on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Corporate Life for Girls and Women."

Women, in their passion for community life, she said, had gone even worse than the men, and turned their clubs, which should be places of relaxation, into entertainment halls. One danger of the excesses of corporated life was the dole, which relieved a man from the difficulty of finding work, and from the trouble of doing it when he found it.

Miss Faithfull further stated:

There is solidly about the English boy which is very protective. The girl is much more easily excited, and in work and play throws herself into the community life. She lives in a state of breathless activity. She is perpetually in a crowd, and she likes it. She feels she wants something else, but she does not know what.

There is a natural inclination on the part of most girls to imitate, to go with the crowd.

It is deplorable that girls of today groom and dress so much alike that identification is often impossible, but they like it.

Individualism is being discouraged if not crushed out by community life.

Mothers are becoming affected by the community life, and have no time to cultivate the friendship of their daughters.

The aim of the girl's high schools is that the girls are being educated for "calibre life," says a writer. I agree. "The future of England does not rest with the non-marrying girls, but with those who do marry." I agree.

## Footwear.

## SHOES TO MATCH STOCKINGS.

In the coming summer women will have no difficulty in obtaining shoes to match their silk stockings.

Leading shoe manufacturers have asked silk stocking manufacturers for specimens of all their forthcoming hues. In some cases they have bought specimens cover-

## Uneven Brims.



Hats are gaining more and more irregularity of brim. Thus one, of beige felt, achieves it with cleverly arranged quills of straw and dark brown felt.

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## Ancient Jewels.

## AT THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Interesting jewels, dating from the time of Abraham to the Victorian period, are shown at the British Industries Fair, by the National Trust.

## Dainty Colours.



## Footwear.

The newest printed crepes favour fruit rather than floral designs, the pretty frock sketched here being developed in a crepe showing clusters of tiny apples in shades of russet-red, golden-brown and dull green on a mastic ground.

National Jewellers' Association. They have been lent by a well-known authority on old gems. A very interesting exhibit is a diamond-framed miniature of Queen Victoria.

Among the 50 rings is one such as Aladdin might have used to call up the genii. It is known to have been worn as a mystical thumb-ring by an ancient Persian potentate. The centre is the big yellowish tooth of an unknown animal, and the broad gold shank is set with emeralds—one of which is of perfect colour—and amethysts.

Worn by Ancient Hebrew Priests.

Also mounted on a thin gold ring, but worn on the ephod of the ancient Hebrew priests, is a pearl-shaped rock crystal, through which

ing the whole range of the summer's silk stockings supplies. It is not uncommon for one manufacturer to make stockings in 25 to 40 different metallic and pastel hues, so that the shoe trade has its difficulties in matching them all. Many leading shoe manufacturers have accepted the principle that the shoe should be made to match the stocking.

## Loose Covers.

## SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER.

Remember these ten points:

Material of fadeless dye should be bought.

Soft, fine fabric shrinks less than a stiffer and coarser one.

Each piece of furniture should be measured for its suit, though it is helpful to know that an average armchair takes half-a-dozen yards.

Designs of moderate size, in soft, rich colours, are the surest to please.

Fabric with a white ground soils easily; black is apt to lose its blackness, and buff, dove, or gray are usually the best-wearing foundation colours.

A paper pattern is as necessary in cutting a furniture slip, as in cutting a frock. This may be easily made in newspaper.

Every portion of the chair or settee needs its own shaped pieces. Seats should not be avoided, and the building of the chair should be shown.

A patterned fabric wants careful placing, right side up, and in a symmetrical position.

Seam allowance must be made in cutting, and plenty of material must be allowed for tucking in between all padded portions. Without this "tuckin" it is almost impossible to make the covers sit easily and keep smooth and unwrinkled. It also facilitates their removal for washing purposes.

Piping cord in a bias casing should outline the seaming of the chief portions of the cover so as to define the shape of the chair.

the biblical "Urim and Thummim"—light and perfection—were contemplated.

A narrow Etruscan ring is a marvel of workmanship, being formed of groups of tiny gold granulated beads. The old cruit, which is now lost, consisted in blowing each bead through a tube into position. There are 100 of them to 1/4 in. of the ring.

A Greek Marriage Custom.

A Greek thumb-nail ring is a cornelian intaglio of a chariot and horses mounted in rough silver. Part of a Greek marriage-ring is of romantic interest, for only half the Intaglio is mounted, the custom in ancient Greece being

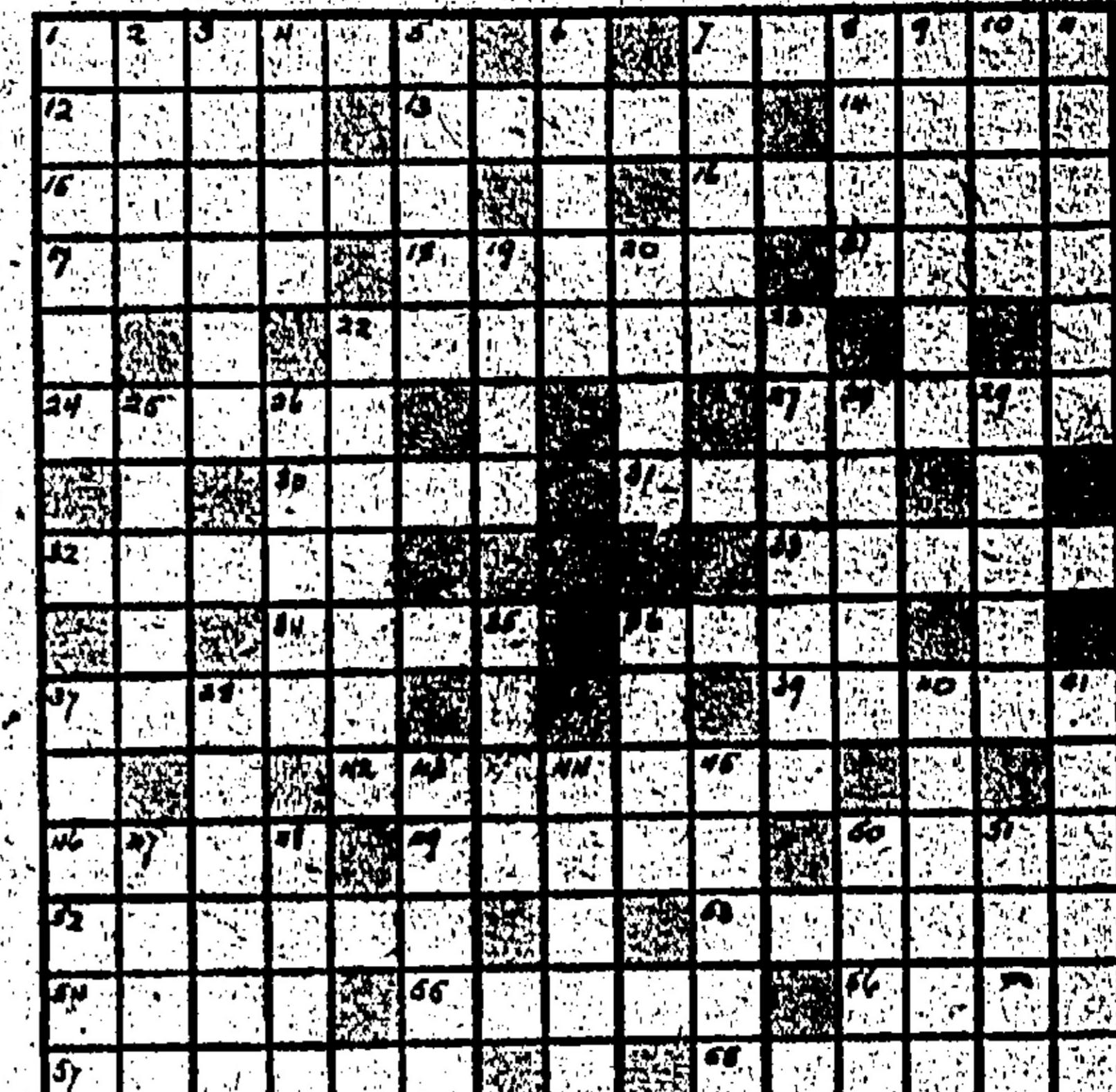
for a couple to break a precious stone in half and wear one part each.

Uncut sapphires, crystals, chalcedony and topaz are among the stones forming a necklace, worn, it is said, in the time of Abraham, and recently excavated at Ur of the Chaldees.

Down.

1. Plant allied to the onion.  
2. On the lee side (Naut.).  
3. Fix on a stake.  
4. Sediments.  
5. Grasp.  
6. Clip the wool from.  
7. Species of poplar.  
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9. Machine for lifting weights.  
10. Plate of glass.  
11. Dividing.  
12. Top of a wave.  
13. Evidence.  
14. Try.  
15. Preserve from destruction.  
16. Higher in place.  
17. Digitigrade carnivorous mammal.  
18. Emmets.  
19. An odd person.  
20. Blaze.  
21. Rubber wheel coverings.  
22. Make real.  
23. Egyptian diet.  
24. Regarding.  
25. Very small quantity.  
26. Additional clauses (Parliamentary).  
27. Festival of the Christian church.  
28. Delightful region.  
29. Stand for paintings.  
30. Fast of forty days.  
31. Sleep.

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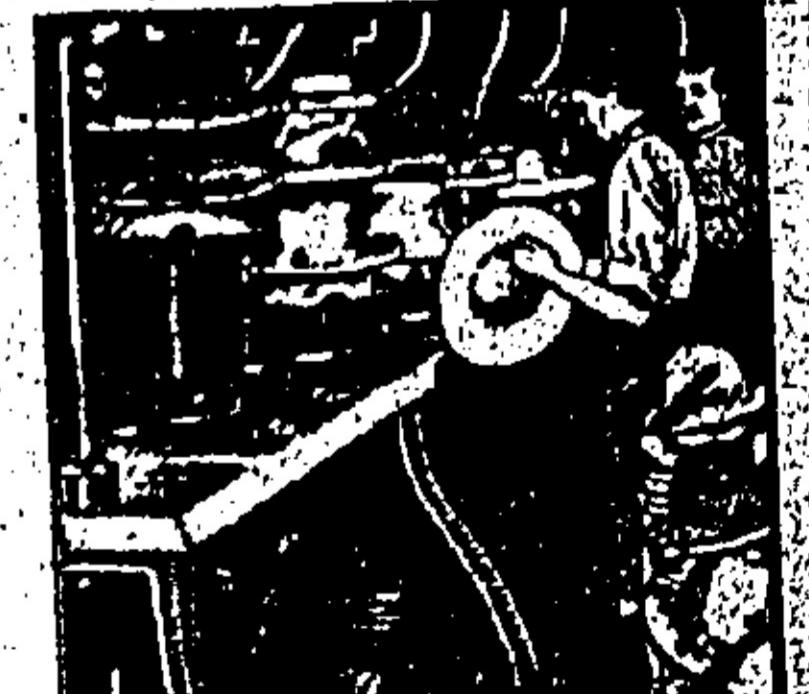
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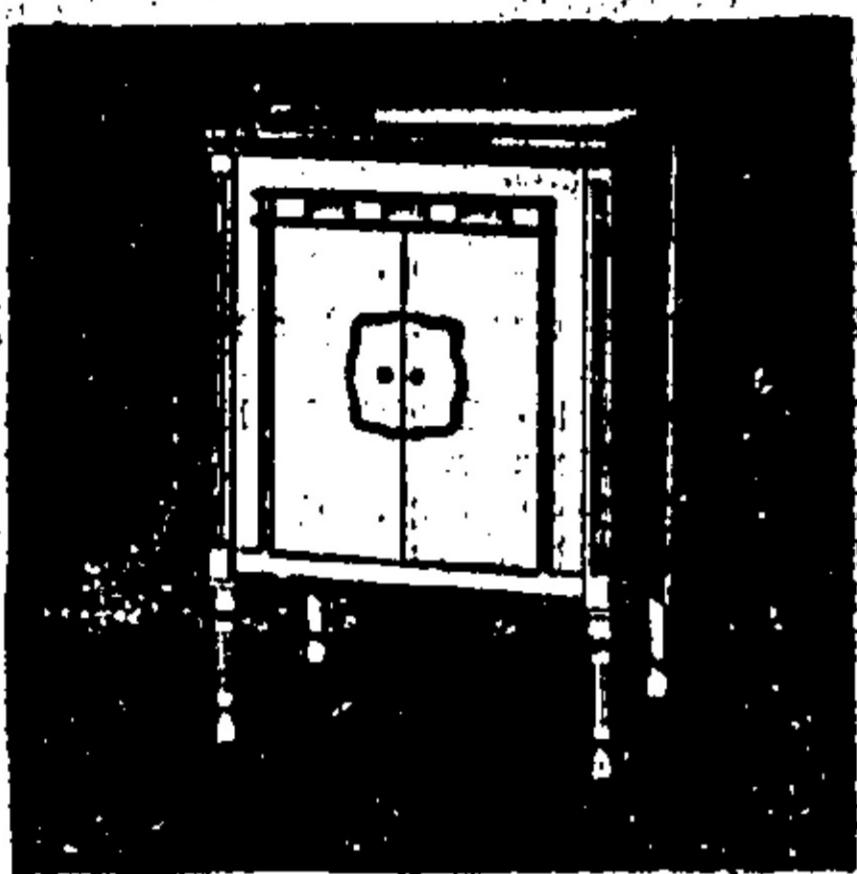
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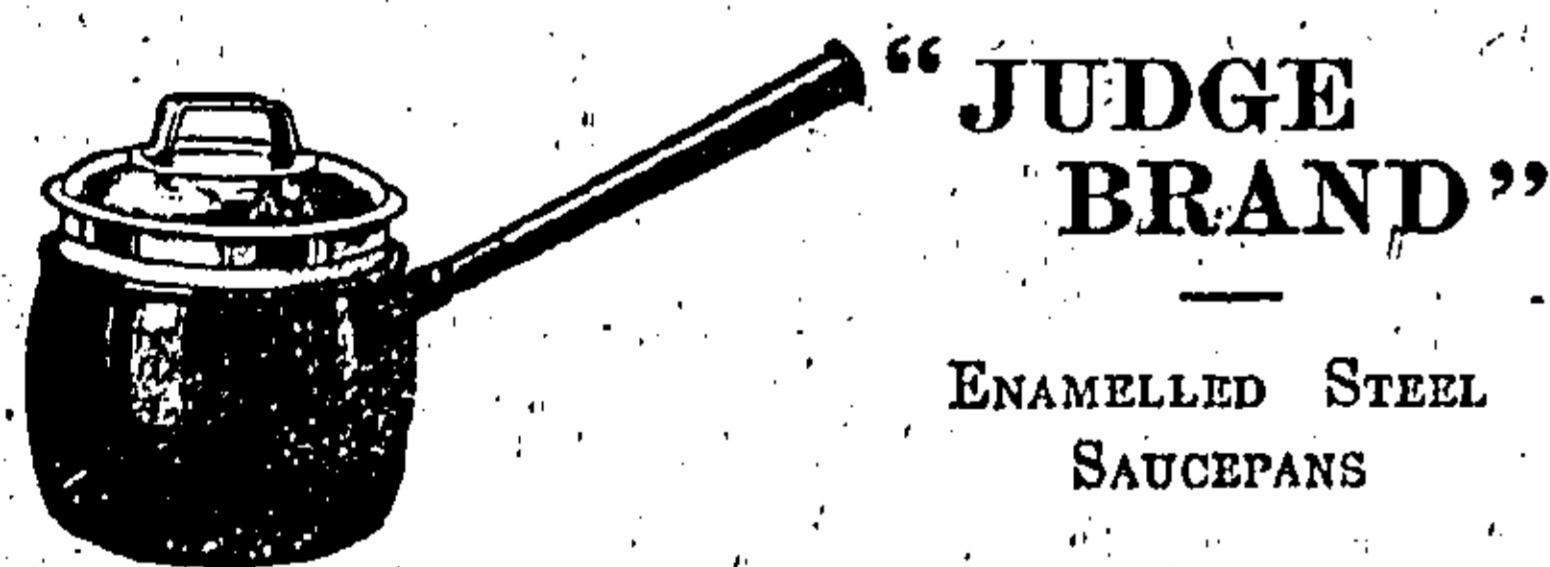
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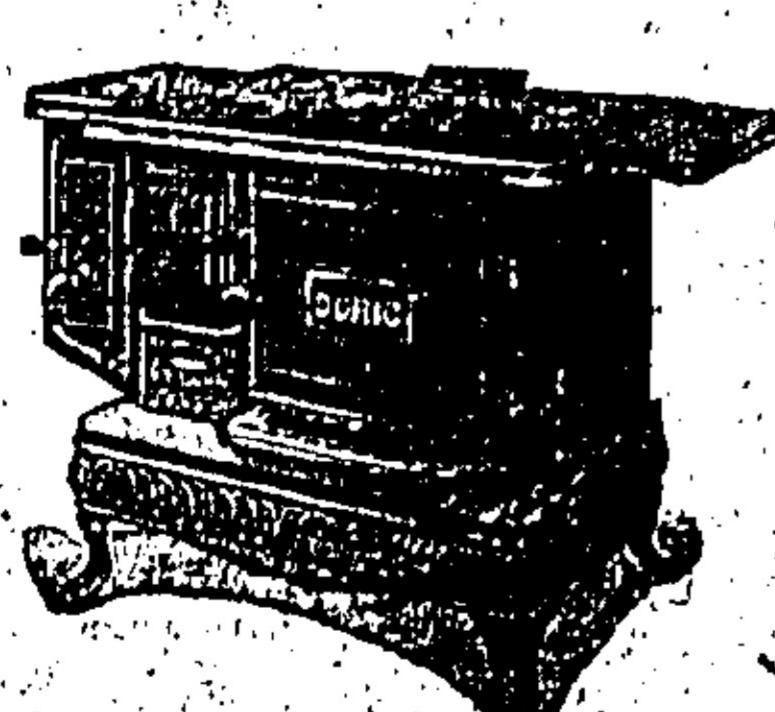
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### THE NANKING SETTLEMENT.

In view of the fact that the recent attempt by Sir Miles Lampson to secure a settlement of the Nanking incident broke down because the Chinese authorities introduced issues not germane to the question, it is somewhat surprising to learn that the United States Minister has succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Nationalist Government. We say so much because in this matter Britain and America were in precisely the same position in regard to the Nanking affair. Nationals of both countries figured amongst the killed and wounded, and amongst those who suffered indignities; warships of both nations took part in the firing of Socony Hill; and both Britain and the United States joined in the Note which was presented subsequent to the outrages, making identical demands on the Chinese authorities.

We are told that one of the causes for the breakdown of the Anglo-Chinese negotiations was that the Chinese demanded an apology for the firing on Socony Hill, regarding it as a bombardment of Nanking. It is pertinent, therefore, to recall that it was only after the distressed party of foreigners who managed to reach the Hill had signalled for assistance that any firing took place, and that this was solely in the nature of placing a barrage around the Hill so as to safeguard those who were in imminent danger of losing their lives. What is more, not only H.M.S. Emerald but the U.S. destroyers *Noa* and *Preston* as well, joined in the action. Why, in those circumstances, any attempt should be made to lay blame on Britain, we cannot imagine. In this connexion, it would be interesting to know exactly how the incident figured in the settlement with the United States. One gratifying feature of the agreement reached between Mr. Mac Murray and General Hwang Fu is that the Nanking Government has accepted responsibility for the outrages, although declaring that they were really carried out by Communists. In the sense that the outrages were the work of the old Hankow regime, we can accept that as a correct statement of the parties to blame. Just after the incident, Mr. Eugene Chen made

an attempt to lay responsibility at the doors of "reactionary and counter-revolutionary elements," who, he said, instigated rebel remnants and local ruffians to attack the foreigners, but, unfortunately for him, a group of American missionaries signed a sworn statement saying: "Out of our own first-hand experience and observation, we unequivocally affirm that the outrages were committed by armed Nationalist soldiers in uniform, who acted with the knowledge and approval of their superior officers." It is true that in the meantime, a new Government has arisen in Nanking which had no part in the actual happenings of a year ago, but obviously America and the other Powers as well had to look to some authority for reparation. Nanking's willingness to bear the burden would seem to be proof of its desire to get the issue disposed of.

There are many more aspects of the question which could be touched upon, but we will content ourselves at the moment with a reference to one of these—namely, the report that the Nanking Government desires Treaty revision to be included in the settlement with Britain. That, as has been well pointed out, is a subject quite extraneous to the issue. However, it is not as if Britain has not time and again declared her willingness to commence the revision of her Treaties with China immediately, some central authority emerges with whom she can negotiate. But that is neither here nor there on the matter of the Nanking affair. The issues are quite distinct, and we cannot see that anything is to be gained by confusing them. We still hope, however, as there appears to be little difficulty in securing unanimity of viewpoint on the Nanking incident as such, that news of final Anglo-Chinese agreement thereon will soon come to hand, although from one endpoint it is to be regretted that as the Powers united in their original demands, they have not kept together in their efforts to achieve a settlement.

### The German Arms Law.

The readiness with which Germany has responded to the recommendations of the Diplomatic Body in Peking urging a tightening up of the arms embargo on China is a matter for congratulation. Little time has been lost between the promise of collaboration made by the German Minister and the enactment of Bill forbidding German trade in weapons of war with China, and Dr. Stresemann by facilitating the passage of the measure has given ample demonstration of Germany's sincerity in the matter. The law now in force is rigid in its operation, forbidding not only the supply, despatch or insurance of any and every material having relation to warfare, but also prohibits any action likely to facilitate the supply, despatch or insurance of such objects.

This clause means that the designers of the Bill have guarded against the possibility of German attempts to conduct arms traffic through other countries, while additional force is lent by the application of the law to German nationals living abroad. Considerable publicity was given recently to large shipments of arms to Marshal Chang Tao-lin, the allegation being that Germany was the source of the supply. Dr. Stresemann took the opportunity, while announcing the submission of the Bill, of pointing out that Germany was the outlet for shipping from Central European States, who are the principal suppliers of arms and ammunition, and had therefore been subject to misunderstanding. The new Bill will serve to remove any false impression that has arisen.

Strife in China is bad enough without the room for outside assistance in keeping the recalcitrant commanders equipped for a continuance of their apparently endless and aimless skirmishes, and it will do a considerable amount of good if Germany's gesture and example afford M. Benes of Czechoslovakia an opportunity for further consideration. Of Soviet Russia, of course, we could expect little other than the superior attitude adopted in recent reply to the Japanese suggestion.

## DAY BY DAY.

I BEG TO TAKE COURAGE; THE BRAVE SOUL CAN MEND EVEN DISASTER.—Catherine of Russia.

It is advertised that the exchange banks will be closed to the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 6th, 7th and 8th inst.

Passengers arriving by s.s. President Madison from U. S. ports and the north on Sunday, included Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Biggar, Mr. W. Witchell, and Mr. M. Manek.

Chu Kam-chi, a young Chinese, was yesterday removed to hospital from his home at 18, Canton Road, suffering from a big dose of opium which he took in an attempt to end his life.

The rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during March totalled 6.37 inches. The heaviest fall was 3.50 inches, on the 6th, and there were twelve days when no fall was registered.

A new form of confidence trick is indicated in a police report issued this morning, which states that a woman was induced to part with \$5 by a man who promised to buy chickens cheaply for her, but who disappeared after taking the money.

We have received from the Java-China Line a admirable wall map of the Far East, indicating the various routes on which the Company's steamers ply. The map is in colours, strongly mounted, and should prove of much value in the office.

Three cases of small-pox, three of enteric fever and one of pulmonary fever were reported to the Medical Officer of Health over the week-end. All were Chinese with the exception of an imported Japanese case of enteric. Two of the small-pox cases were imported.

Besides shipping to Canada and the United States of America, regular shipments of Watson's aerated waters are made to India. Only this morning a telegram was received by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., ordering further large quantities of Watson's Formazone, sarsaparilla, dry ginger ale, etc.

Another world walking tourist arrived yesterday by s.s. Hirundo and was seen traversing the Praya with the Soviet and American flags flying from its body. It is stated that he has engaged in the long hike for a wager of \$10,000, to win which he has to reach Chileng within three years of his commencement. It is understood that he is well within his time and should make good on the long trail.

There will be no movie performance in the Star Theatre to-day, the popular American company, the Wilbur Players, beginning their special comedy season at 3.15 to-night with the big comedy hit, "The Sap." The movie performance will be resumed tomorrow with Elinor Glyn's drama of love and marriage, "Love's Blindness," which will be screened until Saturday, showing from 2.30 to 8.30 daily.

The Bureau of Public Health in the Philippine Islands spends two-thirds of its time compiling statistics and the other one-third looking after public health matters, according to Mr. Charles H. Forster, director of the Philippine Chapter, American Red Cross, who recently returned to Manila from a three-weeks' inspection of health conditions in the southern Islands. Too much of the Government's money is being spent to make records of people who are sick, Mr. Forster believes, while too little is spent to cure the afflicted.

John Gilbert, hero of "The Big Parade," "Bardelys the Magnificent" and "La Boheme," has the strangest role of his career as the young German officer in "Flesh and the Devil," the screen version of Sudermann's "The Undying Past," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Greta Garbo, the Swedish star, plays a sinister vampire who is his nemesis in the new picture, and Lars Hanson, the Swedish "Barrymore," is the third in a stranger triangle. "Flesh and the Devil" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Thursday.

### OLD MAN REPROVED.

### FINED FOR CUTTING TREES.

An aged Chinese, whose extraordinary long beard makes him look like a figure from the classic story of "The Three Kingdoms," appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a charge of cutting down a tree in a Government plantation. He strenuously denied the offence. His Worship said it were better for a man of his years to have told the truth. As it was, he would be fined \$5 or seven days.

## CANTON CUSTOMS SURTAX.

GOVERNMENT WANTS 20 PER CENT. LEVY.

The local authorities (says the *Canton Gazette*) have adopted a resolution to order the Canton Maritime Customs to levy a surtax of 20% for relief purposes. In this connexion, the Commissioner of Customs and the various Consuls in Shantou have been officially informed by the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, and the Provincial Government which has decided to commence the collection of the surtax on the 11th May of this year.

It is, however, learned from the officials in the Customs that the Consular bodies and the Commissioner of Customs though they sympathize with the imposition of such a surtax which will only be used for the relief of sufferers, cannot act without the advice of the Inspector-General of Customs regarding the motor. They have accordingly communicated with the Inspector General, and will render a formal reply upon receiving instructions.

## INDIAN GUARD CHARGED.

### ALLEGED POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

Tata Singh, a Sergeant of Guards employed on the river steamer Kochow, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, with being in possession of eight taels of contraband opium.

Defendant, in reply to the charge, said it was a trap. He was planted with the opium, and he indicated that on the previous day he had had occasion to report one of the men under him.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., who prosecuted, informed the Court that there was no particular hurry to proceed with the case, as the Kochow was in dock.

Defendant was remanded on bail of \$100.

### MALAYAN CHINESE FOOTBALLERS.

### TO MEET THE ARMY TO DAY.

An alteration has been made in the fixtures of the visiting Malayan Chinese football team.

To-day was originally reserved for a game against the Civilians, but owing to the Club's congestion of games, a representative Civilian side cannot be raised. Therefore, upon the advice of the Football Association, this game is being cancelled and the visitors to-day on the Hongkong Club Ground at 4.30.

The prices for admission are \$1.00 for the covered stand and 50 cents for the uncovered stand.

### NEW LEPER STATION.

### AMERICAN GIFT FOR PHILIPPINES.

New York Mar. 26.

A gift of 180,000 from Mr. Eversley Childs, of New York, for the establishment of a treatment station in Cobu for the milder cases of leprosy was announced to-day by General James G. Leonard Wood Memorial for the Eradication of Leprosy.

The station will be located about 75 miles from Culion. It will include laboratories and a medical centre consisting of clinics, wards, pharmacy, a dispensary, cottages for the staff and all necessary equipment.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

London, April 2.

Paris	124
New York	488 5/82
Brussels	84.07
Genoa	12.33
Amsterdam	12.12
Madrid	02.45
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.28
Vienna	34.635
Prague	16.42
Helsingfors	10.82
Lisbon	20.02
Athens	86.32
Bucharest	77.37
Rio	5.57/6
Buenos Aires	47.20/32
Mombay	1/5.31/32
Shanghai	5/53
Hongkong	1/11.9/16
Yokohama	2/0%
Silver (spot)	26.5/10
Silver (forward)	28.5/10

British Wireless

## The Very Idea!

"What's the charge?" asked the magistrate as he peered at the small prisoner.

"Attempted suicide," replied the constable.

"Indeed! How was that?"

"He wanted to fight me," was the reply.

There was a day when driving a motor car was serious business, when a driver's thoughts were all on the road, his heart was in the engine, and often as not the hearts of his passengers were in their mouths. Both driving and riding now are more of a habit,

a second nature, and thoughts of the motorists can be diverted to more frivolous things. As illustration of this, there is an outbreak of fractiousness amongst motorists in America. They are painting slogans on their cars, amongst

which seen in San Francisco recently were: "Danger! 2000 jobs," "Chickens, here's your coupe," "Peaches, here's your can," "Pass me, I'm a nervous wreck," "Speed on, big boy, Hell ain't half full."

Man at Tottenham: I am willing to do my work found for me to do. Magistrate: We will soon find you something to do. You will go to prison for three months, With hard labour.

**CAR'S FALL INTO HARBOUR.****NAVAL C. P. O. CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.****CASE OPENED TO-DAY.**

The case against Chief Petty Officer W. G. Kelstie, of H.M.S. Ambrose, who is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese at Connaught Road Central on the morning of March 25th was commenced this morning at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

It is alleged that Kelstie was driving car No. 313 when it ran into a Chinese and subsequently into the harbour. Defendant is further charged with reckless driving and with driving without a proper licence. To the last charge he had pleaded guilty at a previous hearing.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defence, the prosecution being conducted by Inspector Alexander, of the Traffic Department.

**Inspector's Statement.**

Addressing his Worship at the outset of the hearing, Inspector Alexander said:—"On the 25th of March, sometime between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m., public car No. 313 was being driven along Connaught Road Central in an easterly direction. It is alleged that the car was driven at an exceedingly fast rate. At the time, there was a pedestrian leaving the Po Tak Wharf and he was knocked down by this car, which afterwards fell into the harbour. Defendant, who drove the car, was going at an exceedingly fast rate."

After photographs and plans of the vicinity of the accident were handed in, the licensed driver of car No. 313 went into the witness-box. He said his car usually plied for hire outside the To Yuen Restaurant in West Point and at 2 a.m. on the morning of March 25th, a European Sergeant brought the defendant and another man to his car. Witness identified the other man as Stoker Robert Whitworth.

The police officer opened the rear door of the car and after the two naval men were seated inside, directed the chauffeur to drive to Kennedy Town. Witness drove them to Kee Chong Street, to house which witness knew was frequented by Europeans. Arriving there, the two men got off and instructions were given to witness to return at 4 o'clock in the morning.

**Defendant Takes Wheel.**

Witness returned in due course and the two seamen appeared. The stoker got into the rear of the car, but defendant wanted to drive and pulled witness out of the driving seat. Witness protested but defendant seized him by the arm and managed to pull him out. The defendant then took the wheel and started the car, proceeding along the Praya in an easterly direction.

In answer to his Worship, witness said the car was a right-hand drive and that the defendant appeared to be an experienced driver. The gears of the car gave no trouble and the defendant started on second, later putting the engine on third gear, without any difficulty. They proceeded along the Praya at 40 miles an hour.

His Worship:—Is that your estimate or is there a speedometer?

Witness:—The speedometer on my car did not work. This is only my estimate.

**Fall Into Harbour.**

The streets were deserted at the time. At the Po Tak Wharf, witness observed a man crossing the road. When he was first sighted, the car was about seven shops' distance away. Witness told the defendant in Chinese to slow down, but defendant drove straight on. When the car was almost on the man, witness applied the hand-brake but it was too late. After the pedestrian had been struck down, defendant swerved to the left, causing the car to fall into the harbour. The man who was struck down was carrying a sack slung across his shoulder but witness did not think his view was obstructed.

When witness scrambled out of the water, he saw the defendant and Stoker Whitworth walking away with their arms on each other's shoulders. Witness blew a police whistle and the police came and took charge of the two scammers.

Asked to describe the exact spot where the injured man was found, witness said that the man was lying about fifteen feet from the Praya Wall, more or less opposite the Po Tak Wharf.

The case is being continued this afternoon.

Applicant for a drink licence at Highgate: There is an arterial road near. Opposing barrister: Arterial roads don't drink.

**MANILA SEARCHES FOR FORGER.****RECENT HONGKONG TREASURY LOSSES.****NOT YET FOUND.**

Manila, Mar. 28.

A whole day's search by agents of the law yesterday in Manila and neighbouring municipalities for the whereabouts of Carvalho Yeo, alleged Chinese forger of three cheques of the Hongkong Government, failed to disclose any clue to his presence in the islands.

High constabulary and Manila police officials are inclined to believe that Yeo and his alleged accomplices are not in the Philippines. The forgers were reported missing since December 30, 1927, when the forgery was committed.

A general alarm accompanied by an offer of \$5,000 prize for the arrest of Yeo or any of his associates in the forgery case, was received yesterday morning by the constabulary and the Manila police department. The alarm was broadcast to all constabulary commanders in the islands with instructions that they inform the intelligence division of the constabulary of any discovery of the whereabouts of Yeo.

Three cheques bearing the forged signature of the Colonial Treasurer of Hongkong are said to have been cashed by Yeo at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on December 30, 1927, amounting to \$260,407.93.

Yeo is said to have many aliases, among which are Yong Tek, Wong Pek Chun, and Nai F. Sen. He is alleged to be the leader of a ring of forgers operating in Hongkong under the guise of a general merchants' concern. Among the firm names used by the cheque "trust" are "Min Tak Company," "Katz Company" and "Man Lee Company."

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A general check up on the lists of Chinese immigrants entering the islands since January 1 of this year will be made by the Customs secret service with a view to discovering some clue regarding the whereabouts of Yeo. A similar canvass will be made by the Manilla secret service of the rogues' gallery.

The intelligence office of the constabulary yesterday was mobilized and record clerks were ordered to check up on arrested Chinese since January 1. The officials, however, have very little hope of locating Yeo in the islands.

**CHAUFFEUR FINED.****IGNORED GARDEN ROAD SIGNAL.**

A Chinese chauffeur employed by M. A. Leot, of the Banque de Indo-chine, when summoned before Major C. Wilson this morning for disobeying a police signal, expressed his despair because the witness giving evidence against him was a Government servant.

This complaint was ruled out as irrelevant. His Worship asked if defendant, by saying that, was pleading not guilty.

Defendant said that was the case. Dr. G. W. Pope stated that on the 16th of last month, he was travelling up Garden Road in his car, and on approaching the intersection with Kennedy Road, indicated to the pointsman his direction, and the signal was accordingly given to him to continue up Garden Road. A car driven by the defendant, cut across from Kennedy Road, just as witness had passed the pointsman.

Defendant said, in reply to the Court, the pointsman, a Shantung constable, was busy conversing with a woman and was paying no heed to the traffic.

His Worship pointed out to defendant that they had the evidence of Dr. Pope that the signal was given to Dr. Pope to pass. Defendant was fined \$10.

The pointsman was to have given evidence also, but on admitting that he did not remember the date of the offence, was told to stand down.

Instructions were given to the officer in charge of the case to put defendant on the departmental report.

**WEEK-END GAOL FOR WIFE-BEATERS.****GLASGOW MAGISTRATE AND A NOVEL SCHEME.**

A proposal that habitual wife-beaters should serve terms of imprisonment at week-ends as a deterrent to their weekly assaults is now being considered by the Glasgow magistrates, on the suggestion of one of the bailiffs.

It is unlikely, however, that any decision will have been arrived at before the Secretary for Scotland replies to a question on the subject in the House of Commons.

**MARTIAL LAW IN CANTON.****BOMBS DISCOVERED IN POLICE RAIDS.****RICKSHA COOLIES SPECIALLY SUSPECTED.****SHAMEEN CAUTION.**

The feeling of tension in Canton has not relaxed, and martial law is still rigidly enforced. Troops are patrolling the principal parts of the city.

Raids on suspected premises in Canton and Honam, continues on a large scale. At a residence in Honam, thirty men attired like peasants have been arrested and revolvers and ammunition were found in their possession.

**Bombs Found.**

Bombs, and a large quantity of sedition literature were seized and ten suspects arrested during three further big raids in the Canton suburbs.

Boarding houses of ricksha-men have been of special interest to the police, and quite a number are imprisoned as suspects. Bombs have been found in a ricksha shelter.

**Shameen Defence.**

Shameen has also taken precaution by placing additional policemen on the two gates leading to the city, while Chinese having no connexion with Shameen are being prevented from entering.

At one raid on a rickshaman's boarding house, two bombs and a trunk full of red scarves were seized.

As an outcome of the situation, there has been a big exodus of well-to-do families to Hongkong and Macao.

It is estimated there are some six to seven thousand troops in Canton at the present time, while others are expected shortly.

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?****TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. By what has the original programme of new building for the United States Navy been cut down?

2. Name the largest territory in tropical Africa under British rule. How big is it, and what are its chief crops?

3. What discovery of historical interest has been made near Westminster Abbey?

4. For what period is the lowest birth rate on record in England reported?

5. To what political constituency do the Scilly Isles belong?

6. Who painted the following: La Gioconda; The Laughing Cavalier; The Infant Samuel?

7. In whose reign and by whom was "Venus and Adonis" written?

8. Define a "satellite of limitation."

9. Name the longest river in Alaska?

10. What gas exhaled by animals is utilised by plants?

**WORLD TOURISTS SUICIDE.****RESOLUTE PASSENGER JUMPS THROUGH PORTHOLE.****NO MOTIVE KNOWN.**

Details of the suicide, aboard the tourist liner Resolute, of Mrs. Fritz Meyer, a young and beautiful divorcee, of Zurich, Switzerland, were made available to Manila newspapers when the ship arrived at that port.

Mrs. Meyer ended her life on the evening of March 19, a day after the vessel had left Bangkok, for Zamboanga, by jumping through the porthole of her stateroom, according to the story told by her fellow tourists. She was 26 years old.

**Mystery Surrounds Case.**

When questioned by reporters, cruise officials referred to the suicide in hushed voices, stating only that she had locked herself in her stateroom on the evening of the 19th and was not seen afterwards.

Those on the vessel who knew her best were able to furnish but a few more scattered details, none of which gave an inkling as to the motives that might have inspired Mrs. Meyer to plunge into the ocean.

According to the best of authority, Mrs. Meyer appeared to be in excellent spirits on the eve of her disappearance.

She enjoyed a long chat with friends before retiring to her stateroom and bid them all a cheery goodnight. There was nothing in her manner indicating that she intended suicide.

**Seemed to Be Cheerful.**

She failed to appear on deck the next morning and friends, fearing that she might be ill, went to her stateroom and found it locked. There was no response to their attempts to arouse her. Cruise officials were called and the door was opened.

A chair standing in front of the porthole, a few clothes scattered about the floor and the torn piece of a dress on one of the bolts of the porthole window left little doubt in the minds of the officials as to what Mrs. Meyer had done.

An investigation was conducted and anxious friends were informed that the lady had taken her own life.

The question was disallowed by the Court, but Mr. Servadio was permitted to ask what would have happened if the lady had failed to shift gear.

Witness opined that if that had happened, the lady's car would have backed down the slope and collided with any car coming up from behind.

His Worship:—But a capable driver was beside her?

Witness:—Mr. Dovey was beside her, but was not driving actually.

**Measure of Safety.**

Witness further alleged that the lady accelerated when she saw she was being overtaken. The Flat, in which defendant and witness were, had followed her car for about eight minutes along Stubbs Road, before they decided to overtake her as a measure of safety.

Mr. Buzzacott's offence was that he had assaulted a clerk who was attempting to serve him with a subpoena. Mr. Buzzacott, in an affidavit, apologised for the contempt.

The judge ordered him to pay the costs.

**STUBBS ROAD MOTORING.****EUROPEAN FINED \$50 FOR RECKLESS DRIVING.****CASE CONCLUDED.**

The summons for alleged reckless driving on Stubbs Road against Mr. Servadio, the local Fiat car agent, which was adjourned from last week in order to obtain the attendance of an Italian interpreter, was resumed before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Chinese who offered his services as an interpreter in Italian had but functioned in that capacity for a few minutes, when both the defendant and the latter's witness complained that the interpretation was not satisfactory. The defendant was then allowed by the Court to be his own witness.

**Engineer's Evidence.**

Mr. Giovanni, a Fiat engineer, said he was with the defendant in the latter's car No. 2118.

On the evening in question, as they were proceeding up Stubbs Road, they saw a car No. 1062 being driven by a lady in front of them. Her driving was very uncertain and dangerous, and it was decided by witness and Mr. Servadio to overtake and pass her.

But at the third corner, a third car was seen to come down the slope. There was no other course than to pass in between it and the car in which Mr. E. R. Dovey and the lady were. This was done.

In witness' experience, extending over many years, he thought that the driving of the lady was very unsafe because it was very uncertain.

His Worship:—Would not it be safer to have kept behind?

**Safer to Pass.**

Witness:—It would have been safer to pass her because it would leave her behind. (Laughter.)

Several questions were put by defendant to his witness, these calling for his views, as an experienced motorist, of the difference between driving a motorcycle and driving a motor-car. Mr. Dovey had mentioned, in his previous evidence that the lady had only learner's licence for car driving, but that she had driven a motorcycle for years.

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Mr. Servadio:—At first we took several times, not in an attempt to pass the lady, but to warn her that we were behind, because her driving was very unsafe. (To witness:)—Did we not stop at once when the collision happened?

Witness agreed that they were able to pull up within two or three meters.

Defendant:—Is it not also true that I went up to Mr. Dovey and apologized? I pleaded guilty, but because it was not kindness to have collided with a lady in the car. My left mudguard was badly damaged, and the car of Mr. Dovey was quite all right.

**Fine \$50.**

His Worship said defendant's own witness had admitted that he did attempt to pass the car at that corner. Defendant was guilty of a reckless form of driving for which he would be fined \$50.

Later, Mr. Servadio again appeared before his Worship and intimated that he wished to appeal against the fine.</

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In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29-September 24.

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Huddersfield v Liverpool.  
Newcastle v Leicester.  
Tottenham v Arsenal.

DIVISION II.

Notts C. v Preston.  
Reading v Barnsley.  
Stoke v Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton v Plymouth.  
Northants v Swindon.  
Nelson v Darlington.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde v Dundee.  
Motherwell v Celtic.

Name .....

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**SALT AND OPIUM  
SMUGGLING.**

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the irregularity. The Indian guards do not consider part of their duty to search for salt on board the ships and on many occasions some of the guards refused to search even when commanded by the ship's master to do so.

The Chinese crew do not consider it an unlawful practice but rather a legitimate trade to smuggle salt into the interior and they indulge in it a great deal because the commodity is cheap to procure and heavy profit can be made out of it. The petitioners are informed and believe that certain dealers in salt in Hongkong do a great deal of business by encouraging smuggling and that they undertake to pack the salt in suitable sizes to meet the requirements of the smugglers and also undertake to carry the goods on board the ships. It is not unusual for one member of the crew to carry several packets containing one or two piculs of salt as part of his belongings on board.

**Big Opium Profits.**

With regard to opium, it is pointed out that its sale being legalised in Wuchow, it can be easily procured there, and as the price is much cheaper than in Hongkong, a successful smuggler is sure of making great profits.

In this connexion, the petitioners believe there are several bands of regular smugglers in Wuchow who are either backed up by the soldiers or by the Labour Unions. These smugglers are mostly desperate characters who will not hesitate to use force and violence when their contraband gets seized.

The Chinese crew, it is believed, are somewhat implicated in the smuggling, but whether they are or not, they never dare for fear of revenge to expose the desperate smugglers.

On the question of thorough and independent searches, the petitioners express themselves as being of the opinion that no such searches made under their own authority can be really thorough or effective. At present, the owners have to depend on the officers and crew and the Indian guards to carry out the searches, but of these persons only the European officers can be relied upon.

**Crew and Guards in League.**

With regard to the Chinese crew, the owners have now practically very little control over them as they are placed on board by the Labour Unions, and some of the ships are forced by the Unions to change their crew every six months. They are continually cautioned not to bring or allow to be brought any contraband on board the ships, but they never seem to treat such caution with any seriousness. They are usually in league with the smugglers and sometimes will not allow their own quarters to be searched and cases have occurred where the crew threatened the master with a strike when the latter ordered their quarters to be thoroughly searched.

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Luton v Plymouth.  
Northants v Swindon.  
Clyde v Dundee.  
Motherwell v Celtic.

**RUSSIA'S SABRE  
RATTLING.**

**FRONTIER FORCES  
STRENGTHENED.**

Patis, Feb. 24.  
While the Soviet delegation at Geneva is making sweeping proposals for disarmament the Supreme War Council at Moscow is engaged in organising the Soviet armies.

A message from Riga gives details of the latest measures taken to strengthen Soviet forces on the various frontiers. Special attention is being paid to the Polish frontier.

A Commission of Three has been appointed with the full powers to make any changes they think fit. They have already established a large air school, an instructional centre at Minsk, directed by a German aviator, and a cavalry school.

The Soviet remembers that it was thanks to its cavalry that Russia was able to sweep on to Warsaw in 1921, until checked by General Weygand. Touchachevsky has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Polish front, Boudenny of the Ukraine front, Goutor of the Baltic front (Finland, Estonia, and Latvia), and Dybenko, Chief of Staff, under Kamenoff, is to be generalissimo,

William Lake, who has died in the Hillingdon institution within a few months of reaching his 101st birthday, was a jobbing gardener by trade and one of the first to claim the old age pension.

The Earl of Stair has been appointed the King's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which meets on May 22.

**FAIRMOUNT'S  
NEW OWNERS.**

**FORMER SECRETARY HEADS  
PURCHASING GROUP.**

Belfast, Mar. 2.

The joint receivers sitting in London acting on behalf of the prior lien Debenture stockholders of Workman Clark and Co., Ltd., the Belfast shipbuilding firm, have declared Mr. William Strachan, of Belfast, and a group acting with him, as the purchasers of the concern. Those associated with him are mostly Scottish capitalists, and the price found is considerably over \$100,000. Several tenders were submitted.

Mr. Strachan has been connected with the firm of Workman Clark and Co. since July, 1921. He is a native of Glasgow, and prior to accepting the appointment in Belfast he was with the firm of William Robertson, the Clydeside shipowners.

On Mr. Strachan, as Secretary and Director, has mainly devolved the work of keeping the yard going in face of many difficulties, due to financial conditions as well as to depression in shipbuilding.

At the trial of the Debenture Issue case before Mr. Justice Brown last year, Mr. Strachan in the witness-box mentioned that he had not missed a single board meeting during twenty-six years he had been secretary. He also stated during the controversy between the old principals in 1920 he himself put forward an offer for the shares of the company.

I understand that the new owners of the yard have good prospects of securing work which will enable business to be resumed shortly.

In addition to acquiring Belfast shipyards and engine works, the purchasers take 1,241 £10 shares in the Cyclops Foundry and Pattern Making Company, Ltd., Glasgow, which supplied the firm with castings.

**BANKRUPT BECAUSE  
OF FATHER'S DEBTS.**

**YOUNG SON'S "SPIRIT OF  
FILIAL PIETY."**

A young man's conduct in taking over, at the age of 22, his father's liabilities was praised by Judge Leigh and the Official Receiver in the Manchester County Court.

William Millward paid off nearly £500 of his father's deficiency out of his wages as a cinema manager. It was stated he used the firm's money a day or two before transferring it to their account, and was made a bankrupt by his employers.

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On condition that an archway or tower, is erected on the Southern side, as protection against bad weather to parties attending weddings, funerals and other functions, £3,000 is left to found a fund to build a church on the present site of St. Andrew's Mission Church, Preston-grove, Yeovil.

The bequest is made by Mr. James Bernard Paynter, of Hendford Manor, Yeovil, solicitor, who died on December 8 last, aged 77.

He left unsettled estate of the value of £80,690, and in addition to the bequest towards founding a church left £2,000 in trust as an endowment fund.

**OUR DAILY TALK  
ON HEALTH.**

**DISADVANTAGES IN TEA  
DRINKING.**

The essential stimulating principle of both tea and coffee is caffeine.

A strong cup of tea or of coffee contains about one-tenth of a gram or 1½ grains of caffeine. In addition, coffee has fat and chlorogenic acid, while tea has tannin and theobromine.

**Tea Not a Food.**

Prof. Dr. J. S. McDowell, of the University of London, points out that tea cannot be considered as in any way a food. The amount of tannin or caffeine in the tea depends largely on the way in which it is made.

Caffeine has a stimulating action on the body, particularly as relates to the higher brain centres and to the heart. It sometimes causes a rise in the blood pressure and it incidentally has the power of increasing the activities of the kidneys.

The British authorities agree with American investigators that the disadvantages of tea lie in excessive consumption and in the possibilities of bad preparation. Caffeine taken in excess, for example, in the amount of five cups of tea a day by a young person, might bring about nervous excitement, disturbed sleep and headache.

**Tannin an Astringent.**

If tea has been infused too long, the tannin effects are considerable. The tannin acts as an astringent and brings about difficulties with digestion.

The moderate consumption of properly made tea has no serious disadvantages and is an exceedingly pleasant drink. An unusual amount of bitterness in the tea suggests that the tannin is excessive. The excessive tannin is also responsible for dryness in the mouth.

**PROTECT WEDDINGS  
PLEA IN WILL.**

**WEALTHY SOLICITOR'S GIFT  
TO BUILD A CHURCH.**

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**SHARE PRICES.**

**TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.**

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

**Banks.**

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 b.

Chartered Bank, \$212 b.

Mercantile A. & C., \$244 n.

P. and O., \$24 n.

East Asi., \$76 b.

**Insurances.**

Canton Ins., \$675 b.

Union Ins., \$332 b.

North China Ins., Ths. 143 n.

Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.

China Underwriters, \$245 s.

China Fire, \$215 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

**Shipping.**

Douglas, \$40 s.

H. K. Steamboats, \$29 s.

H. K. Tugs, \$24 s.

Indo-Chinas, (Dof.), \$74 n.

Shell Trans., 90/- n.

Union Waterboats, \$204 b.

**Mining.**

Benguet, \$235 n.

Kallana, 66/- n.

Langkawi, Ths. \$16 n.

Shai Exploration, Ths. 2.75 b.

Raubis, \$41 b.

Tronch, 17/6 b.

**Docks, etc.**

Kowloon Wharves, \$1401 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$44 s.

China Providents, \$54 s.

Hongkong, Ths. 164 b.

New Engineering, Ths. 1.80 s.

Shanghai Docks, Ths. 107 b.

**Cottons.**</p

# NEW TIME TABLES OF THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS SERVICES.

The public are hereby notified that the following Time Tables have been approved by the Police Dept. and the services will be inaugurated on April 1st, 1928.

## KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY

ROUTE No.	ROUTE	LEAVING STAR FERRY	LEAVING LAI CHI KOK	SERVICE
2.	Star Ferry to Lai Chi Kok via Nathan and Tai Po Roads.	6.29 a.m. to 10.49 p.m. Late Buses 11.29 p.m. 11.39 p.m.	6.01 a.m. to 10.21 p.m. Late Buses 12.01 a.m. 12.11 a.m.	Every 10 Minutes
6.	Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Nathan and Prince Edward Roads.	5.59 a.m. to 6.28 a.m. 6.29 a.m. to 10.29 p.m. 10.29 p.m. to 12.29 a.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY	Every 10 Minutes
8.	Star Ferry to Kowloon Tong via Nathan, Prince Edward and Montague Edie Roads.	6.27 a.m. to 10.57 p.m. 10.57 p.m. to 12.02 a.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON TONG	Every 10 Minutes
9.	Star Ferry to Argyle Street Mong Kok via Nathan Road (Bush hours only) Sundays & Holidays excepted	8.05 a.m. to 9.35 a.m. 1.05 p.m. to 2.35 p.m. 5.05 p.m. to 6.05 p.m.	LEAVING MONG KOK	Every 10 Minutes
10.	Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Canton Road, Shanghai Street & Prince Edward Road.	6.17 a.m. to 9.27 p.m. 9.27 p.m. to 10.03 p.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY	Every 10 Minutes

LAM MING FAN,  
Secretary  
Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.

## CHINA MOTOR BUS CO.

ROUTE No.	ROUTE	LEAVING STAR FERRY	LEAVING SHAM SHUI PO	SERVICE
1.	Star Ferry to Sham Shui Po via Nathan, Prince Edward and Lai Chi Kok Roads	5.57 a.m. to 7.47 a.m. 7.47 a.m. to 10.57 p.m. 10.57 p.m. to 12.42 a.m. 1.12 a.m. Special Bus	5.57 a.m. to 7.47 a.m. 7.47 a.m. to 10.57 p.m. 10.57 p.m. to 12.22 a.m.	Every 10 Minutes
7.	Star Ferry to Kowloon Hospital via Nathan Road, Argyle Street, Ho Min Tin and Waterloo Road.	7.27 a.m. to 9.27 p.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON HOSPITAL	Every 20 Minutes
9.	Star Ferry to Argyle Street Mong Kok via Nathan Rd. (Bush hours only) Sundays & Holidays excepted	7.51 a.m. to 9.21 a.m. 12.51 p.m. to 2.01 p.m. 4.41 p.m. to 5.51 p.m.	LEAVING MONG KOK	Every 10 Minutes
II.	To Kwa Wan to Sham Shui Po via Kowloon City Road, Hung Hom, Chatham Rd., Gascoigne Rd., Canton Rd., Shai St., & Lai Chi Kok Rd.	6.00 a.m. to 9.10 p.m. 9.10 p.m. to 11.25 p.m.	LEAVING SHAM SHUI PO	Every 10 Minutes
12.	Star Ferry to Sham Shui Po via Canton Rd., Reclamation St., Mong Kok Rd., Shai St., & Lai Chi Kok Rd.	6.18 a.m. to 9.28 p.m. 9.28 p.m. to 11.58 p.m.	LEAVING SHAM SHUI PO	Every 10 Minutes

NGAN SHING KWAN,  
Manager.  
China Motor Bus Co.

## KAI TACK MOTOR BUS CO. (1926) LTD.

ROUTE No.	ROUTE	LEAVING STAR FERRY	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY	SERVICE
3.	Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Chatham and Gascoigne Roads.	5.47 a.m. to 0.25 p.m. 0.25 p.m. to 12.42 a.m.	6.25 a.m. to 9.20 p.m. 9.20 p.m. to 12.20 a.m.	Every 10 Minutes
4.	Yaumati to Kowloon City From Po Hing Theatre via Gascoigne and Chatham Roads.	5.50 a.m. to 12.45 a.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY	5.30 a.m. to 12.25 a.m.
5.	Yaumati to Hung Hom From Po Hing Theatre via Gascoigne and Chatham Roads.	5.59 a.m. to 12.50 a.m.	LEAVING YAU MATI	5.45 a.m. to 12.35 a.m.

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2. Star Ferry to Lai Chi Kok  
3. Star Ferry to Kowloon City  
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5. Yaumati to Hung Hom  
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Approved  
E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Capt. Sup't. of Police.

Hongkong, 28th March 1928.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

### ST. STEPHEN'S PUPILS' ANNUAL GATHERING.

There was a large number of competitors in the annual sports of St. Stephen's College, which were held yesterday on the University recreation ground at Pokfulum. The Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, distributed the prizes at the conclusion.

There were several close finishes, but in the majority of the events the winners gained decisively. Of the competing pupils, Thong Lor put up an outstanding performance, carrying off no fewer than seven prizes, four firsts, one second, and two thirds. Li Lock also put up a particularly good show, securing four prizes, two firsts and two seconds. Lo Tai-sing had one first, two seconds and two thirds.

The Form Championship was won by the 6th Form, who secured a total aggregate of 90 points. Form Five was second with 32 points, while Form Four came third with 23 points. Lo Tai-sing won the junior championship with 25 points, Li Lock being second with 16 points. The senior championship was won by Thong Lor with 30 points, and second place was taken by Leung Kwok-chung, with 16 points.

The Rev. E. K. Quick, addressing the gathering before the distribution of the prizes, expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the sports a success. He also thanked all those who had given cups and prizes and said it was entirely due to their kindness that there were so many trophies. He also thanked the Bishop for attending the sports and distributing the prizes.

#### The Bishop's Address.

Prior to giving away the prizes the Bishop said he would like to say how much he had enjoyed himself watching the various competitions. He had thoroughly enjoyed seeing the way some of them were running and jumping, and he thought it showed a very good will indeed.

His Lordship went on to congratulate the winners, and also some of those who did not win. His congratulations were warmer, he said, because that day was the 26th anniversary of the college. He believed that the college had a great future before it. The boys were making traditions, and he was quite sure that they had a bright future.

He continued that he had only recently seen the plans of their new college, and he had been over the site in Stanley. When the new building was established, he believed it would be second to none (applause).

#### Junior Results.

Following are the results in the junior events:

100 yds. championship.—1. Li Lock.  
2. Li Kwan-jan. 3. Lo Tai-sing.

Small boys 100 yds.—1. Leo Peoluang. 2. Cheng Yam-yue. 3. Poon Puen-kei.

High jump—Chin Po-hang. 2. Li Lock and Wong Man-kwan tied.

Height 4 ft. 11 ins.

220 yds. championship.—1. Li Lock.

2. Lo Tai-sing. 3. Wong Man-kwan.

Small boys maths race.—1. Au Yick-sang. 2. Au Kwei-sang. 3. Cheng Yam-yue.

Long jump—Wong Man-kwan.

2. Woo Tin-kit. 3. Koh Peck-po.

Distance 10 ft. 6 1/2 ins.

440 yds. championship.—1. Lo Tai-sing. 2. Wong Man-kwan. 3. Au Yeo-soon.

Egg & spoon—Tsang Wah-shing.

2. Lo Kyung-tong. 3. Lee Pee-chin.

Three-legged race—1. Poon Poon-kei and Tsang Wah-sing. 2. Au Yick-sang and Au Kwei-sang. 2. Kwok Ling-chung and Kwok Hing-fong.

Kindergarten race, 50 yds.—1. Derek Siu-on. 2. Ma Hin-fong. 3. Ng Tak-to.

Hurdle Race championship.—1. Kwok Peck-po. 2. Li Lock. 3. Lo Tai-sing.

Senior Results.

The results of senior events were:

100 yds. championship.—1. Thong Lor. 2. Leung Kwok-cheung. 3. Lo Kwang-ting.

100 yards open.—1. Lo Kwang-ting.

2. Yeung Sze-koeng. 3. Li Hua-kin.

High jump.—1. Lo Kwang-ting. 2. Leung Kwok-cheung. 3. Thong Lor.

Height 5 ft. 0 1/2 ins.

220 yds. championship.—1. Thong Lor.

2. Lo Kwang-ting. 3. Li Hua-kin.

Long jump.—1. Leung Kwok-cheung. 2. Thong Lor. 3. Chan Yew-soung.

Distance 16 ft. 5 ins.

440 yds. championship.—1. Thong Lor.

2. Lo Kwang-ting. 3. Li Hua-kin.

Half mile.—1. Thong Lor. 2. Lo Tai-sing. 3. Chiu Tek-kong.

Hurdle race championship.—1. Leung Kwok-cheung. 2. Leung Kwok-cheung.

Staff race.—1. Mr. E. W. L. Martin. 2. Mr. E. K. Quick. 3. Tam Cheung-hue.

Old Boys' race.—1. Siu Kin-cho. 2. Chin Ying-po. 3. Kwok Wing-kong.

Visitors 440 yds. (Hongkong schools).—1. Chan King-cho (St. Paul's). 2. Lawrence (St. Joseph's).

3. Gutierrez (St. Joseph's).

Open miles handicap.—1. Ling Shun-kul. 2. Li Hua-ki. 3. Li Hua-shing.

Open putting the shot.—1. Lo Kwang-ting. 2. Wong Man-kwan. 3. Lee Khan-yan. Distance 26 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

Night schools boys' race 100 yds.—1. Tsang Chan-lung. 2. Yip Sam-cheung. 3. Hui Hung-nit.

Form flag race.—1. Form six. 2. Form five. 3. Form four.

Tug-of-war team race by form six who directed form ten in the final.

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WHEN DO YOU ENJOY  
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Some say one time.  
Some say another.

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HABEAS CORPUS  
APPEAL

PRISONERS NOT RELEASED.

The *habeas corpus* application concerning Un Kin and Un Fat came to a close yesterday afternoon when His Lordship Mr. Justice Wood decided that the grounds advanced by the fugitives' Counsel failed. His Lordship was not able to make an order for their release.

Resuming after the fifteen interval, His Lordship speaking of the difference in wording between the Treaty of Tientsin and the amended Ordinance said that the reason for the former using the term "subject" of China and the latter "National" of China, was due to the different form of Government now in China.

Regarding the arrest of the fugitives, His Lordship said the learned Magistrate was not concerned with that. As to the position of His Lordship's court, they were not concerned whether the fugitives were detained previously. The latter were at liberty to take whatever action they thought fit against the person responsible for their detention. His Lordship said that the only duty of the Court was to enquire whether there was anything to justify the fugitives' present detention.

In His Lordship's view the time taken by the Magistrate and the order for the requisition was a reasonable time and there was no reason for believing otherwise.

Continuing, His Lordship said there was abundant evidence to show that the fugitives were nationals of China. One reason was that the fugitives belonged to a Chinese village and they could also be regarded as such by their surnames Un. Another reason was that the fugitives made no attempt to disprove that they were, in fact, nationals of China.

Speaking of the Governor's order, His Lordship said that he found nothing in that order that was inconsistent or contradictory at all with the requisition.

His Lordship closed his decision by remarking that the weight of evidence was not for that Court to advise and that he had not been asked to do so. It was enough for him to say that the grounds advanced by Counsel on behalf of the fugitives went against them and that he was not able to make an order for their release.

NANKING INCIDENT.

THE AMERICAN SETTLEMENT  
PROVOKES COMMENT.

Shanghai, Apr. 2. In an editorial on the American settlement with Nanking, the *North China Daily News* says it does not suppose the American community in China will be particularly pleased with what has been agreed.

"Sympathy must be felt for Mr. McMurray in having to enter into negotiations with his hands tied. Washington had intimated plainly that the prospects of the Presidential election must not be clouded by any unsolved question in foreign affairs, least of all in China. In the circumstances, Mr. McMurray has done better than might have been expected in getting the expression of United States' regret for the barrage round Socony Hill, which, however diplomatically wrapped up, remains beyond concealment, and of its readiness to proceed to treaty revision.

"Incorporated in the documents, separate from the Note which contains the Nationalists' regret for the outrage itself, is promise of reparations, etc. But the plain fact cannot be buried that neither barrage nor treaty revision should be mentioned in any connection with the episode which left the ugliest stain on China's prestige. In the upset the extremists at Nanking are enabled to claim they have scored diplomatic triumph and gained face for China where it was feared she must lose it."—*Reuter*.

No Regret for Bombardment.

Shanghai, Apr. 2. It is understood that the United States and the Nationalist Governments now consider the Nanking incident closed, but the notes will not be issued textually until Wednesday, pending which it is difficult to exactly assess Mr. MacMurray's reply on Chinese hopes for an early revision of treaties or regarding the bombardment of Nanking.

Current reports that the United States Government have expressed regret for the bombardment of Socony Hill are, however, authoritatively denied. What was expressed, it is said, was that circumstances beyond the U. S.

COURT MARTIAL.

CONTINUATION OF ROYAL  
OAK CASE.

Gibraltar, Apr. 2.

The court martial was resumed to-day of Commander Daniel.

The first witness recounted the alleged dance incidents, and said that at the conclusion of a dance, while he was with a lady, Rear Admiral Collard approached, obviously most annoyed, and said,

"Look here, Commander, what on earth has happened to the band!" He said the Marine band must be replaced by a jazz band, and if Comdr. Daniel was afraid to turn the Marines off the quarter deck, he would do it himself.

Subsequently, Admiral Collard addressed the bandmaster,—"It is like a dirge. I shall have you sent home to-morrow."

Thanked By Admiral.

Commander Daniel said that when he told Admiral Collard he had heard him refer to Bandmaster Barnacle as a—he (Daniel) declared, "Nothing will budge me from that statement Sir." He satisfied himself that the bandmaster's grievance was that he had been called a—bandmaster. He declared he would never stay on the ship, or in the Navy, after such an incident.

After a settlement of the band incident, Admiral Collard said to him, "Thank you very much for getting me out of a damned nasty hole."

Comdr. Daniel further stated that he reprimanded an officer of the Royal Oak for making a remark about Admiral Collard. Mr. Kimball asked who the officer was and Comdr. Daniel asked, Was it necessary to answer?

The president of the Court replied in the negative.

Replying to Mr. Kimball (his advocate), Comdr. Daniel declared (Continued on Next Column.)

Government's control necessitated a protective barrage around the Consulate as the only measure adoptable for the protection of American subjects.

Reports that the U. S. Consulate at Nanking is shortly reopening are denied.—*Reuter*.

The Nanking Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to publish all documents exchanged between Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. Huang Fu regarding the Nan-

BRIGHTER YAUMATI

NEATER STALLS FOR  
HAWKERS.

The sheltered stalls erected by the Kwong Wah Hospital on the vacant plot of ground opposite the Yaumati market have now been completed and are open to hawkers at a nominal rental.

The site, which has become known as the public square, was, as intimated some time ago, taken over by the Kwong Wah Hospital and during the end of last year building operations were commenced to convert the waste land into a more healthy and clear rendezvous for hawkers who take up their stand outside the Market each day.

On that piece of ground now stand four long rows of small compartments measuring about six feet square and extending the entire length of the plot, with two lanes.

The stalls are all roofed, while at each end of the rows is a covered entrance, adding a very neat appearance to the entire erection, which contains 60 stalls.

Believed to be 300 years old, a tree in Camberwell, under which Queen Elizabeth is said to have rested, is now being treated for preservation.

He did not doubt Admiral Collard had not returned his salute as he stepped on the quarterdeck when he returned to the ship after the disembarkation incident. His impression of the Admiral's behaviour on this occasion was that it was "a deliberate insult."

Letter Read Out.

With regard to his reading the letter criticizing Admiral Collard's conduct, Comdr. Daniel said he read the phrase "wardroom inflamed with indignation," and other extracts from his letter to Captain Dewar, to various Lieutenant-Commanders of the Royal Oak whom he summoned to his cabin. He asked them if he had overstated the case, and all replied in the negative.

Comdr. Daniel denied he read his report to the officers and said he subsequently told the officers if anyone had evidence to give, he ought to have the guts to give it.—*Reuter*.

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## NEW AMERICAN SERIAL.

**GIRL ALONE**By ANNE AUSTIN.  
Author of "Saint and Sinner."

## CHAPTER I.

The long, bare room had never been graced by a picture or a curtain. Its only furniture was 20 narrow iron cots. Four girls were scrubbing the warped, wide-planked floor, three of them pitifully young for the hard work, the baby of them being only six, the oldest nine. The fourth, who directed their labours, rising from her knees sometimes to help one of her small crew, was just turned 16, but she looked, in her short, skimpy dress of faded blue and white checked gingham, not more than 12 or 13.

"Sal-lee," the six-year-old called out in a coaxing whine, as she sloshed a dirty rag up and down in a pail of soapy water, "play-act for us, won't you, Sal-lee?" "Tend like you're a queen and I'm your little girl. I'd be a princess, wouldn't I, Sal-lee?"

The child sat back on her thin little haunches, one small hand plucking at the skinny skirt of her own faded blue and white gingham, an exact replica, except for size, of the frocks worn by the three other scrubbers. "I'll tend like I've got on white satin dresses," Sally Ford.

Sally Ford lifted a strand of fine black hair that had escaped from the tight, thick braid that hung down her narrow back, tucked it behind a well-shaped ear, and smiled fondly upon the tiny pleader. It was a miracle-working smile. Before the miracle, that small, pale face had looked like that of a serious little old woman, the brows knotted, the mouth tight in a frown of concentration.

But when she smiled she became a pretty girl. Her blue eyes, that had looked almost as faded as her dress, darkened and gleamed like a pair of perfectly matched sapphires. Delicate, wing-like eyebrows, even blacker than her hair, lost their sullenness, assumed a lovely, provocative arch. Her white cheeks gleamed. Her little pale mouth, unpecked of its frown, bloomed suddenly, like a tea rose opening. Even, pointed, narrow teeth, to fit the narrowness of her delicate, childish jaw, flashed into that smile, completely destroying the picture of a rather sad little old woman which she might have posed for before.

"All right, Betsy!" Sally cried, jumping to her feet. "But all of you will have to work twice as hard after I've play-acted for you, or Stone-Face will skin us alive."

Her smile was reflected in the three oldish little faces of the children squatting on the floor. The rags with which they had been wiping up surplus water after Sally's vigorous scrubbing were abandoned, and the three of them, moving in unison like mindless sheep, clustered close to Sally, following her with adoring eyes as she switched a sheet off one of the cots.

"This is my ermine robe," she declared. "Thelma, run and shut the door . . . Now, this is my royal crown," she added, seizing her long, thick braid of black hair. Her nimble, thin fingers searched for and found three crimped wire hairpins which she secreted in the meshes of the plait. In a trice her small head was crowned with its own magnificent glory, the braid wound 'coronet-fashion over her ears and low upon her broad, white forehead.

"Say 'A royal queen am I,'" six-year-old Betsy shrilled, clasping her hands in ecstasy. "And don't forget to make up a verse about me, Sal-lee! I'm a princess! I've got on white satin and little red shoes, ain't I, Sal-lee?"

Sally was marching grandly up and down the barrack-like dormitory, holding Betsy's hand, the train of her "ermine robe" upheld by the two other little girls in faded gingham, and her dramatically deepened voice was chanting "verses" which she had composed on other such occasions and to which she was now adding, when the door was thrown open and a booming voice rang out:

"Sally Ford! What in the world does this mean? On a Saturday morning!"

The two little "pages" dropped the "ermine robe"; the little "princess" shrank closer against the "queen"; and all four, Sally's voice leading the chorus, chanted in a monotonous sing-song: "Good morning, Mrs. Stone. We hope you are well." It was the good morning salutation which, at the matron's orders, invariably greeted her as she made her morning rounds of the state orphanage asylum.

"Good morning, children," Mrs. Stone, the head matron of the asylum, answered severely but automatically. She never spoke except severely; unless it happened that a trustee or a visitor was accompanying her.

"As a punishment for playing at your work you will spend an hour of your Saturday afternoon playing in the weaving room. And Betsy, if I find you weaving again I'll lock you in the dark room without any supper. You're a great big girl, nearly six and a half years old, and you have to learn to work to earn your board and keep. As for you, Sally—well I'm surprised at you! I thought I could depend on you better than this. Sixteen years old and still acting like a child and getting the younger children into trouble. Aren't you ashamed of yourself, Sally Ford?"

"Yes, Mrs. Stone," Sally answered meekly, her face that of a little old woman again; but her hands trembled as she gathered up the sheet which for a magic 10 minutes had been an ermine robe. "Now, Sally," continued the matron, moving down the long line of iron cots and inspecting them with a sharp eye, "don't let this happen again. I depend on you big girls to help me discipline the little ones. And by the way Sally, there's a new little girl. She just came this morning, and I'm having Miss Pond send her up to you. You have an empty bed in this dormitory, I believe."

"Yes, Mrs. Stone," Sally nodded, "Christine's bed." There was nothing in her voice to indicate that she had loved Christine more than any child she had ever had charge of.

"I suppose this new child will be snapped up soon," Mrs. Stone continued, her severe voice striving to be pleasant and conversational, for she was fond of Sally, in her own way. "She has yellow curls, though I suspect her



Sally.

mother, who has just died and who was a stock company actress, used peroxide on it. But still it's yellow and it's curly, and we have at least a hundred applications on file for little girls with golden curly hair."

"Thelma," she whirled severely upon the eight-year-old child, "what's this in your bed?" Her broad, heavy palm, smacking expertly down the sheet-covered iron cot, had encountered something, a piece of broken blue bottle.

"It's mine," Thelma quivered, her tongue licking upward to catch the first salty tear. "I traded my broken doll for it. I look through it and it makes everything look pretty and blue," she explained desperately, in the institutional whine.

"Oh, please let me keep it, Mrs. Stone!"

But the matron had tossed the bit of blue glass through the nearest window. "You'd cut yourself on it, Thelma," she justified herself in her stern voice. "I'll see if I can find another doll for you in the next box of presents that comes in. Now, don't cry like a baby. You're a great big girl. It was just a piece of broken old bottle. Well, Sally, you take charge of the new little girl. Make her feel at home. Give her a bath with that insect soap, and make a bundle of her clothes and take them down to Miss Pond."

She lifted her long, starched skirt as she stepped over one of the scrubbers' puddles of water, then moved majestically through the door.

Clara, the nine-year-old orphan, stuck out her tongue as the white skirt swished through the door, then turned upon Sally, her little face sharp and ugly with hatred. "This is Eloise Durant, girls," said Miss Pond, who was incurably sentimental and kind to orphans. "She's feeling a little homesick now and I know you will all try to make her happy. You'll take

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## BOILER EXPLOSION.

### THE JURY'S CENSURE.

Although there is a law—Ordinance No. 38 of 1909—which makes the regular inspection of factory boilers compulsory, it has become a dead letter as far as Hongkong is concerned, stated the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindell) yesterday, at the close of the enquiry into the recent factory explosion at Sainwan (Shankwan).

On March 18, the Ling Wan Mow Peanut Oil Factory was the scene of a violent explosion which shook the district. A boiler in the factory blew up through the roof of the factory, and two workmen were killed and eleven others injured.

In the course of the Coroner's enquiry held into the circumstances of the catastrophe, it was disclosed that the Chinese boiler tender had been remiss in his duties, which, on a point of negligence, raised the question of criminal responsibility, leading to a possible verdict of manslaughter.

The jury in their finding yesterday, however, reduced the verdict to one of carelessness coupled with ignorance, and they passed a severe vote of censure on the boiler-tender, Lee Sul.

Other interesting recommendations in regard to compulsory inspection of boilers accompanied the verdict.

### Inspection of Boilers.

The last of the witnesses, a Chinese who described himself as an engineer, stated he made an official test of the boiler in October last, cleaning out the water-cocks of the steam-gauge and subjecting the boiler itself to a hydraulic pressure of 150 lbs. He found on that occasion that the boiler was in serviceable condition.

Questioned as to the capability of the man Lee Sul, whom he put on the plant as boiler-tender, witness said the latter had learned his trade as an apprentice and fitter before becoming an engineer. This included the working of boilers.

Inspector F. Meade, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, stated he was appointed Inspector of Factories under an Ordinance which came into force in April of last year. His main duties were to see that employees were protected from engines and machinery.

As regards boilers, these came under another Ordinance, No. 32 of 1909, which made the inspection of boilers compulsory, and empowered the Inspector appointed for the purpose to carry out the inspection during working hours.

In reply to the Coroner, he said he had never heard of certificates being issued with boilers, at any rate not in Hongkong.

### Recommended to Government.

He had visited the same factory in 1926, in his former capacity of Inspector of Juvenile Labour, and recalled that on a previous occasion he had recommended to the Government the necessity for the regular inspection of boilers in factories. Such inspection was compulsory here by law, but in fact was never carried out.

In his opinion, the inspection by the last witness could hardly be

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effective unless carried out by a qualified person.

The Foreman of the Jury: We live in England the European firms insure their boilers and the insurance firms carry out the inspection yearly. That is a Home practice.

Witness replied he was not prepared to speak on the subject.

The Foreman: I have been told that certain firms here also insure their boilers.

Witness said he knew something of machinery. As far as he knew, the local law of 1909 had never been enforced.

### The Ordinance.

His Worship then looked up the Ordinance in question, and quoting it section by section, stated that it gave the Government power to appoint an Inspector to carry out its requirements. It prohibited the use by any owner of any boiler or prime mover unless such was covered by a certificate, and revoked such certificates where the condition of, or the working of the boiler was not to the satisfaction of an Inspector. Finally, the Ordinance provided a penalty not exceeding \$200 for keeping in use any boiler or prime mover which was not covered by such certificate.

His Worship: The law is there. The Ordinance as far as this case is concerned, is practically a dead letter.

In his summing-up of the evidence, the Coroner said that boilers and such-like machinery apart from the good use which they served, could also be instruments of destruction, and as such, gave an added responsibility to those in direct charge.

He then proceeded to define the responsibility of both owner and engineer, and also that degree of carelessness or negligence which would justify the jury in bringing a verdict of manslaughter.

Between a simple finding of "accidental death" and the much more serious verdict of "manslaughter" they could, however, in determining the circumstances of the case, arrive at the midway point, where a vote of censure was sufficient.

### The Finding.

"Apart from this, you are perfectly entitled to express your opinion and make any recommendation that you so desire on the

## NORTHERN WAR.

### CHIANG AND LI.

Shanghai, Apr. 2. The Kuomintang news agency states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who was preceded by his staff, arrived at Haichow on Saturday afternoon from Pukow; and adds that the Kiangnan Arsenal despatched two trainloads of munitions yesterday to Nanking destined for the front.

It is officially announced, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, that Li Chai-sum, Chief-of-Staff to the Commander-in-Chief is not returning to Canton for the time being, but is remaining at Nanking to take charge of the situation in the rear, while Chiang Kai-shek is directing operations at the front.—Reuters.

The subject of the control of boilers. I should imagine you have something to say about the carrying out of this law of 1909, which, as I remarked just now, appears, as far as this Colony is concerned, a dead letter."

The Foreman of the Jury: We find there is a certain amount of ignorance as well as carelessness. The Coroner directed that if such ignorance did not excuse the boiler-tender, and that utter carelessness was shown, it was their duty to bring in a charge of manslaughter.

The Foreman: But we can pass any vote of censure?

His Worship: Yes.

After a short retirement, the jury brought in the following verdict, with other recommendations:

"We find that both deceased met their deaths through injuries caused as the result of a boiler explosion. The boiler explosion was caused, in our opinion, by a shortage of water, through carelessness and lack of knowledge on the part of the boiler-tender Lee Sul; and we wish to censure him severely.

We also recommend that a type of safety valve with a locking device should be fitted in all factory boilers, that is Board of Trade pattern.

The Coroner: Should be made compulsory by law?

The Foreman: We only recommend it, although it will be a good thing to make it compulsory. It is compulsory on board ships and all launches in the harbour. We also recommend, in our opinion, that fusible plug be fitted on certain types of boilers which would greatly add to their safety. If the boiler had been fitted with such plug, I don't think this explosion would have occurred at all.

"We also recommend that all native engineers before being put in charge of any steam plant should be examined by some competent authority and a certificate granted. That is of course, applying to factories on land."

His Worship: I thank you, gentlemen, for the careful attention you have given to this case. Your recommendations will be forwarded to the proper quarters.

Lee Sul, who was in charge of the boiler at the Peanut oil Factory, was then brought up and was informed by his Worship that "he was lucky to have escaped a charge of manslaughter."

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Office of the Department of Health,

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With regard to the samples of "Dry Ginger Ale," manufactured by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. of Hongkong and London, which you have submitted to us for bacteriological test, the report of our analyst is as follows:

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(Sd.) A. LE MOINE

Asst. Chief Analyst,

Department of Health.

## SURVEY WORK.

### H.M.S. HERALD ON VISIT TO MANILA.

H.M.S. Herald, British coast survey steamer, arrived in Manila last week enroute to Borneo. It was greeted on arrival by Colonel L. R. Sweet, aide to Governor General Simson.

Arrangements have been made whereby the British coast surveyors working in Borneo waters will meet officers of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey now charting southern Philippine waters.

The British officers command the work of the United States Coast Survey men, saying that a remarkable piece of work has been accomplished in a surprisingly short time.

The Herald itself is a boat commands interest, says the Manila Times. It acted as a convoy of American ships bearing troops to France during the World War and conforms with the general run of convoy ships.

## HONGKONG REALTY CO.

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The report for presentation at the yearly meeting of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., to be held at Exchange Building at noon on April 13, states:

The Directors beg to submit their report with statement of accounts for the six months ended on December 31, 1927.

The last statement of accounts presented was in respect of the year from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927, but the Directors have considered it advisable in the present instance to present a statement of accounts covering a period of six months, so that thereafter, subject to approval, the accounts of the Company may be closed on the more convenient date of December 31, in each year.

for the period amounted to \$109,269.82.

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INDUSTRY.****PLEA FOR A GOVERNMENT  
ENQUIRY.****OFFICIAL OBJECTION.**

London, April 2.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tom Shaw (Lab., Preston) opened a discussion on the depressed position of the Lancashire cotton trade and moved a resolution for an exhaustive Government enquiry from the capitalisation of the mills to the merchandising of the cloth.

Mr. Shaw pointed out that they heard a great deal in connexion with the cotton industry, of Japan and India, but he was very doubtful whether the Indian employer really had an advantage in actual wages cost over the employer in Britain.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, thought that a Government enquiry at present would be about the least hopeful thing for the Lancashire trade. He added that the report of the Balfour Committee, which would be published in a few weeks, comprised a complete review of the textile trade, and it would be followed by a final report making general recommendations with regard to policy.

He was of the opinion that a Government enquiry would immediately stifle activity and put the industry on the defence.—Reuter.

Mr. Shaw's motion was rejected.—Reuter.

**ROYAL OAK COURT  
MARTIAL.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

officers remain to be called for the defence. The case cannot finish to-day.

Captain Dewar's Tribute.

In the course of his evidence, Captain Dewar emphasised that Commander Daniel's action in addressing the letter to him was the result of his (Captain Dewar's) orders. He paid a warm tribute to Commander Daniel's methods, and said that when he (Captain Dewar) arrived as the Executive Officer of H.M.S. Royal Oak, he found it "outwardly efficient, but in some ways it was a sort of dead ship."

When Commander Daniel was given his appointment, he entirely altered the situation. The men became happier and the officers were much keener. The battle ship became generally more efficient and a pleasant ship to command.

**Intense Indignation.**

Commander Brownlow and Lieut. Commdr. O'Donnell gave evidence that they were consulted by Commander Daniel regarding specific points of his letter. They both agreed entirely with the contents.

Lieut. Commdr. Murray declared in evidence that the incident at the dance caused intense indignation among the officers.

The proceedings were adjourned.—Reuter.

**POPE AND MUSSOLINI.****CENTRE PARTY STRONGLY  
CONDENMED.**

Rome, Mar. 26.  
Pope Pius, in a short address today before the Diocesan Board, disclosed that he does not share the optimism recently expressed by Mussolini regarding the ultimate solution of the Roman Question.

He rather strongly condemned the attitude of the National Centre Party, composed of Catholics favourable to the present regime in Italy, because of the party's complete surrender to the regime, which, he said, after all represents the change in Italy, to which the epilation of the Pontiff was due.

The publication of the Pope's address in *Observatore Romano*, official organ of the Vatican, had a bombshell effect in political and ecclesiastical circles.—Associated Press.

**HEAVY FIGHTING IN  
NORTH.****REPORTED DEFEAT OF  
FENGTEIEN FORCES.**

Shanghai, Apr. 2.  
It is reported from Szechuan that heavy fighting between General Suh Lin-chung's Kuomintang forces and the Fengtien troops under General Yu Shao-tsung occurred on March 28th.

The fighting lasted for nearly 24 hours and resulted in the Fengtien forces being badly defeated.

The official report claims that heavy losses were suffered by the Fengtien forces, whose General narrowly escaped—Nam Chung Pao.

**HUDDERSFIELD IN  
AT LAST.****JACKSON SCORES IN  
SECOND HALF.****MEET BLACKBURN ROVERS  
AT WEMBLEY.****ENGLISH CUP FINAL.**

London, April 2.  
Huddersfield Town qualified to meet Blackburn Rovers in the final of the F.A. Cup at Wembley to-day by defeating Sheffield United to-day by 1-0. The match was played on the Manchester City ground before a huge attendance.

Jackson, Huddersfield's Scottish international outside-right, scored the goal eight minutes after the interval. The teams had met twice before without achieving a definite result; the first match ending in a 2-2 score, while the replay proved goalless.—Reuter.

Huddersfield, who bid fair to win the League Championship and the Cup in the same season, have had a brilliant run of success since the War. For three years in succession they won the League, the sequence being broken last season, when Newcastle beat them into second place.

**Previous Achievements.**

They had twice previously reached the final for the first time since 1890, prior to which they had a remarkable Cup success.

It is of considerable interest to note that since they were beaten by the Old Etonians in the final, way back in 1881-82, they have appeared in the final five times and have won it five times.

**The Teams' Progress.**

The progress of the finalists to Wembley on April 24th, is as under:

Blackburn.	
3rd Round v. Newcastle (h)	4
4th Round v. Exeter (a)	1
Replay v. Exeter (h)	2
5th Round v. Port Vale (h)	2
6th Round v. Manch. U. (h)	0
Semi-final v. Arsenal	1
	14
	5

Huddersfield.

3rd Round v. Lincoln (h)	4
4th Round v. West Ham (h)	2
5th Round v. Middlesbrough (h)	4
6th Round v. Tottenham (h)	6
Semi-final v. Sheff. U.	2
Replay v. Sheff. U.	0
Replay v. Sheff. U.	1
	19
	6

London, Apr. 2.

In the Scottish League to-day, Raith Rovers drew with the Rangers, no goals being scored.—Reuter.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**

Viscount Trematon, youthful son of the Earl of Athlone, who has been badly hurt in a motor accident in France. One of his friends was killed.

**FINE WEATHER COMING.**

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone over China has spread southward. The depression over the South China Sea has built up. The apex of a V-shaped depression lies over the Loochoo. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast east to noon to-morrow is: North-east winds, moderate; overcast at first, fine later.

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. 134,000,000. 2. Tanganyika: 365,000 square miles; sisal, coffee, cotton, copra, groundnuts. 3. An underground British base on which is situated the headquarters of Sir Stephen's Hall with Westminster Abbey. The last quarter of 1921. 4. H. Ives, Cornwall. 5. A series invented by Robert Williams, 1790. 6. A series invented by Leonardo da Vinci. 7. Frans Hals; Sir Joshua Reynolds. 8. Queen Elizabeth written by Shakespeare about 1590. 9. An actor in the early part of the 19th century. 10. One preceding the period after which a legal action cannot be brought. 11. The Yukon (carbonic acid gas).

**WILL LI CHAI-SUM  
RETURN?****REPORTS OF INTENTIONS  
STILL DIFFER.****CANTON'S REQUESTS.**

Reports from Nanking and Canton regarding the intentions of Marshal Li Chai-sum are again conflicting.

A Chinese cable from Shanghai yesterday declared that since the departure for the front, on Sunday, of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Marshal Li Chai-sum has become the chief administrator of military affairs in Nanking. He is reported to have informed the Nanking Chinese press that in view of the commencement of the Northern Expedition he would not be able to leave Nanking for the time being, pointing out that Canton affairs are in the able hands of General Wang Shao-hung and Mr. Chi-tau, acting Chairman of the Canton Political Council, who should be able to preserve order in the southern metropolis.

However, according to statements by intimate friends of Marshal Li, he is now making preparations to leave for Canton, in view of the receipt of many telegrams urging his immediate return.

A Canton report says that a telegram by Mr. Lai Mun-yam, the private secretary of Marshal Li, reached Canton yesterday to the effect that two days ago in Nanking, when Marshal Li took the oath as Chief of Staff to the Nationalist Army, he made it clear that on his return to Canton, General Ho Ying-ching would act for him in Nanking. The same telegram stated that Marshal Li and General Chan Ming-shiu would both return to Canton very soon.

**TESTS FOR "GRAND  
DUCHESS."****TSAR'S GOVERNESS NOW IN  
ENGLAND.**

Can the woman who claims to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, a daughter of the late Tsar of Russia, draw caricatures?—a talent not likely to be lost with the passage of years.

Will the claimant allow herself to be examined by the Grand Duchess's old governess?

These two tests would play an important part in proving the authenticity of the claim of the woman now the guest in the United States of Mrs. William B. Leeds, formerly known as Princess Xenia of Greece.

Miss Margareta Eager, who was nursery governess to the Imperial Family, is now in England. Miss Eager, who is the daughter of an Army captain, was with the Romanoff children for many years. She knows the "body marks" of each of the Grand Duchesses, and her evidence on this point would be of the greatest importance.

What should prove an equally conclusive test was disclosed to a *Morning Post* representative in London recently by Mrs. E. J. Franks, of Guildford. Mrs. Franks made the following statement:

"In 1911 I was in St. Petersburg to see my sister. I stayed with Miss Motterhead, whose guest at that time was the English tutor of the Tsar's daughters. His name was Mr. Epps."

"He told me that lessons were always in English, and that the Tsarina was generally present. He suggested that the girls were not particularly clever, but they all had one marked gift—that of being able to draw caricatures.

"Mr. Epps told me at the time that this sometimes proved rather trying to him, for they would get up from the table, go to the Palace windows and draw caricatures of the people passing by. Further, all their lesson papers would be covered with drawings."

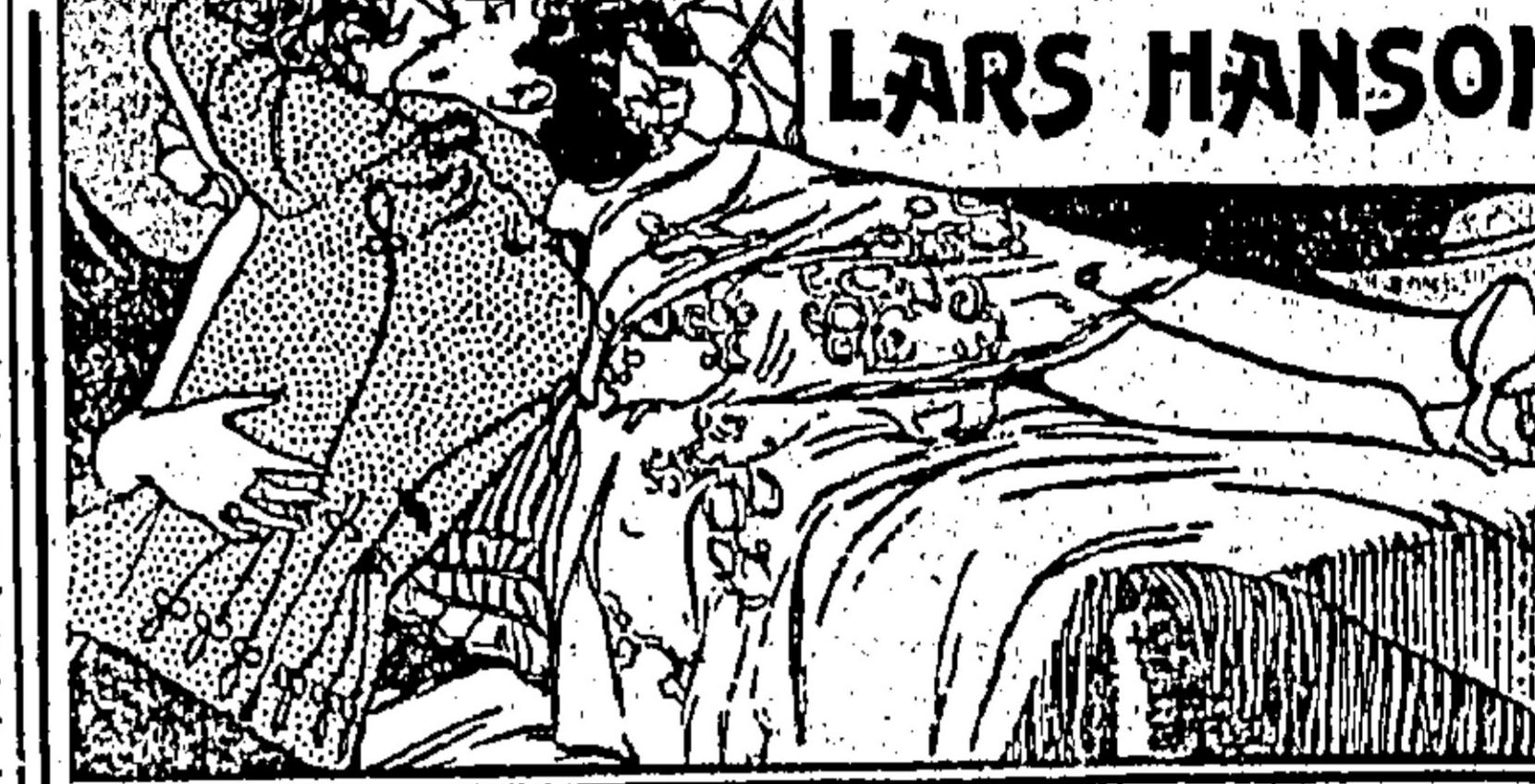
"I was at St. Petersburg the same year as the Bishop of London, and I know that he went to see Miss Motterhead, who was an invalid and too old to go to church. He also, no doubt, met Mr. Epps."

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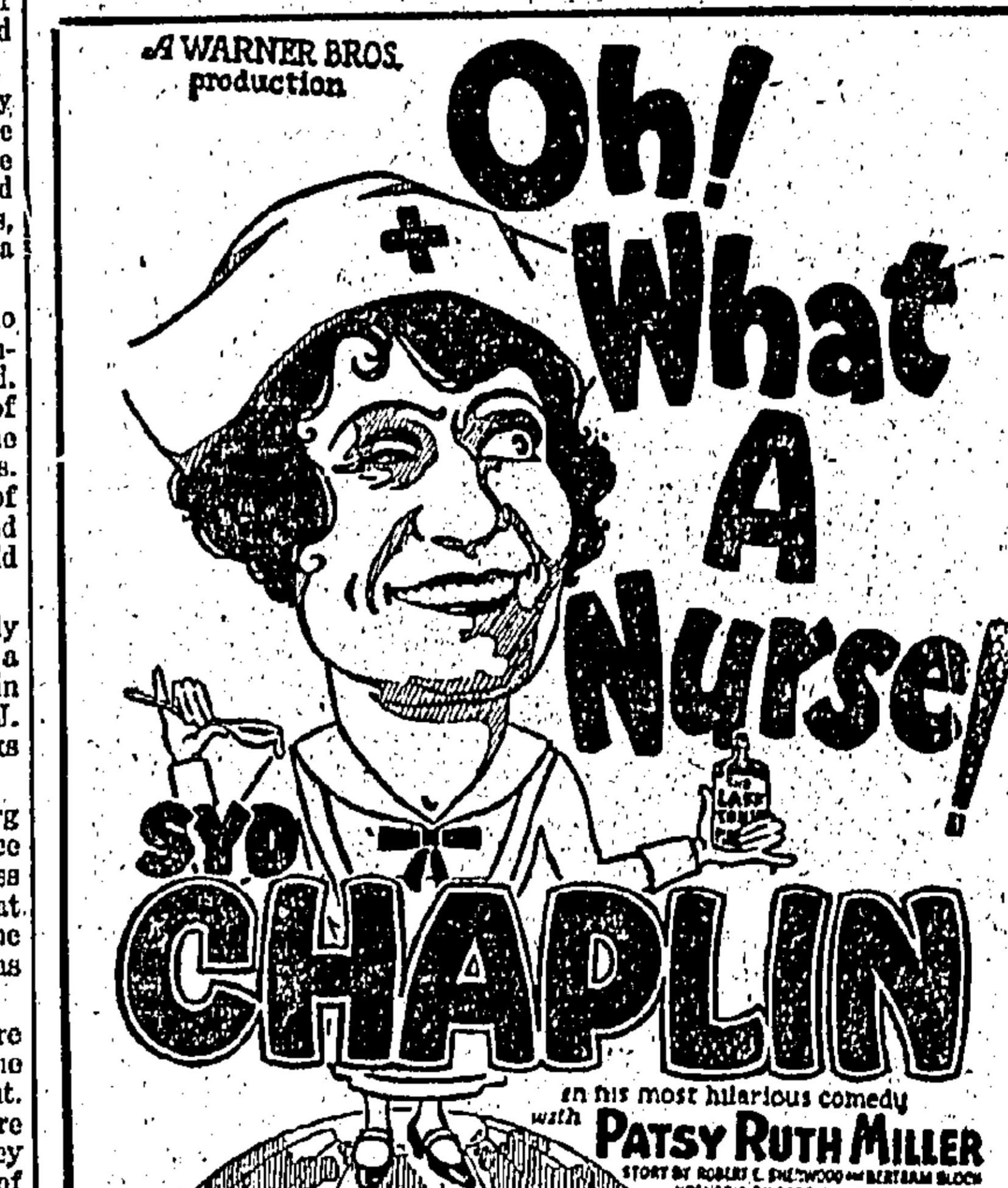
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